

Thinking Rightly – Session 2

Countryside Bible Church

Thinking Rightly Series

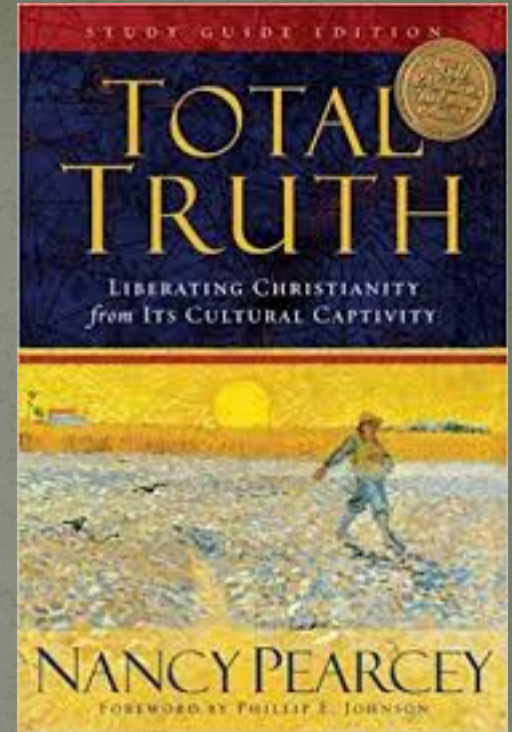
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Win a Book !

1. Memorize Verses
2. Read through Acts

How it Works

- Find an accountability partner
- Let Gordon know when you are done



Goal of the Series

“Glorify God by being
equipped to defend the
Biblical Faith”

“but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;”

1 Peter 3:15 (NASB95)

“Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.”

- Proverbs 23:23 (NASB)

“but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.”

- 1 Timothy 3:15 (NASB)

Outline

1. Understanding Truth
2. Theories and Tests for Truth
3. Why value Truth?

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What Truth is NOT

- i. What works
- ii. What feels good
- iii. Whatever you want it to be
- iv. Only that which is perceived with the senses
- v. What the majority believe

Definition of Truth

- Oxford English Dictionary
 - True, Real, Fact
- Hebrew Concept of Truth
 - Dependable
- Greek Concept of Truth
 - Uncovering

Biblical Truth

“Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God.”

What Truth IS

i. God's Word

ii. Universal

iii. Absolute

iv. Objective

v. Knowable

vi. Exclusive

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Theories of Truth

1. Correspondence
 - Corresponds to Reality
2. Coherence
 - Coheres with other statements
3. Functional
 - When it fulfills its purpose
4. Pragmatic
 - If it works

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2. External Correspondence
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Internal Coherence

Logic / Laws of Logic

a. The Law of Non-Contradiction

- A thing cannot be both 'A' and 'non-A' at the same time and in the same sense

b. The Law of Excluded Middle

- A thing is either 'A' or 'non-A.'

c. The Law of Identity

- If a thing is 'A' then it is 'A.'

One Objection Against Logic

Question: When we use Logic are we not putting Logic before God ?

Answer: It is not our Logic...Logic is an expression of the nature of God himself

Isaiah 1:18

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2. It reflects how we come to know and love God
3. It undergirds our proclamation and defense of faith
4. It helps our growth and our transformation in Christ

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For Next Week...

Read

- Acts 8 – 12

Memorize

- John 17:17 and Psalm 119:60