

The Scriptures are clear that we were created to be in community. Jesus modeled it, the New Testament commands it, and we all know it. Home Groups are a way to do life and mission together in community. You can join a group online or through our app (find it at "Trinity Church Redlands").

In our current series, we are focused on the call to trust in God's power together to stand against the devil's schemes and agents. Some have called this "spiritual warfare." The Bible is clear that these powers and battles are real, constant, and not to be fought individually or by our own strength. For the next several weeks, we will walk through each provision of God that enables us to stand together against the forces of evil.

OPENING DISCUSSION

We are walking through Ephesians 6:10-18 together. The author, Paul, is clear that there is a real devil that wars against God and His people using evil forces and schemes. Most of us recognize that there is evil in our world. What do you believe are some of the forces of evil at work in our world? How are they manifest?

What institutions in America are aimed at truth? How are they doing?

WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT TRUTH

Read Ephesians 6:10-18. How is "the belt of truth" an essential in our lives?

Throughout Jesus time in ministry, He repeatedly focused on truth. What did He ask or say that we needed to know about truth?

John 1:14

John 4:24

John 8:44

John 14:6

John 14:16-17, 16:13

John 17:17-19

What is the role of truth in our lives? How do we learn truth?

Ephesians 1:13; 4:21

Psalm 51:6

John 8:31-32

Philippians 4:8

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Acts 17:11

Romans 15:4

GROUP DISCUSSION

Looking back at the opening discussion, how is God's truth an essential weapon against the forces of evil and their schemes?

Why did Jesus stress the absolute essential of knowing the truth about Him?

How is knowing and practicing truth portrayed in the New Testament? How does false teaching affect our lives? God's church?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit regarding truth? How does this happen in our lives?

How is truth our weapon against the wiles of the devil?

How has God used truth in your life?

What helps you learn truth? (What practices, rhythms, and people)

PRAY TOGETHER

- God's people around the world are facing great challenge and pressure. Please pray for God's own including our global workers.
- Pray for the Micah House team as they love and serve their communities.
- Pray for our Elders as they meet with groups and serve to move us forward.
- Pray for us to be people who pursue truth and grace in these difficult times.