

HOMEWORK

Do something this week to keep God's truth at the forefront of your mind each day. Pick up a verse card at HomePoint near the first floor south entrance, or write a verse on an index card, and put it somewhere like your bathroom mirror or in your car - somewhere you are likely to notice it.

RAISE THE QUESTION

You hear it everywhere--on TV, in classrooms, from self-help gurus, in movies and magazines, even from the person next to you in the grocery store line. Bumper stickers, talk shows and advertisers make millions from it. It's human wisdom, and it's pervasive:

"You deserve to be happy. It's your right."

"Live and let live--tolerance is critical. We have to coexist or be judgmental bigots."

"A woman has the right to do whatever she wants with her body."

"Boys will be boys--men have needs."

"Do what you want, as long as you don't hurt anybody else."

Which of these items of "wisdom" do you think is most prevalent in our society? Discuss God's perspective of these notions, as revealed to us in the Bible and through the Holy Spirit.

In our current series, *Full*, we are discussing the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the lives of believers. This week, we'll see that the Spirit of Truth testifies to Christ's Truth so that we might lead "truth-full" lives.

SEEK THE ANSWER

Read John 16:7-14

1. The disciples grieved when Jesus explained he was leaving them, but shockingly, in verse 7, Jesus said that it was to his followers' advantage that He go away, because the Holy Spirit would come. **How would the life of a believer today be different if the Holy Spirit had not come?**

2. Jesus tells us in verses 8-10 that the Holy Spirit will correct human notions about sin, righteousness and judgment.

a. How does the world's view of sin and righteousness compare to God's?

(see Rom 3:9-20)

b. How does the world's idea of judgment line up with God's? (see 1 Cor 6:1-3)

LIVE THE TRUTH

Read 1 Cor 2:7-16

3. Paul says that we can't understand God's truth on our own--no matter how intellectual we are, our education, or how many "wise" people we talk to. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal God's wisdom. **How have your opinions, wisdom and thoughts changed since coming to know Christ?**

4. The view that there is no absolute truth is a popular one these days. You hear people talk about "my truth" versus "your truth" or "believing what works for you." According to verse 13, the Spirit testifies to Christ's absolute truth in the Bible and in believers. **How can your community group make sure they are speaking the Spirit's absolute truth to one another instead of human wisdom or advice?**

5. Paul ends this passage noting that the believer who has the Spirit, has "the mind of Christ." **Discuss things you can do this week to mature your faith and renew your mind in Christ's truth.**