

At The Movies: Week 4

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Message Summary

In this week's sermon, the key message is that while society often promotes the idea of living "your truth," this can be a dangerous trap. Truth is not subjective or based on feelings but is absolute, unchanging, and found in Jesus Christ. Just because something feels or seems right doesn't make it true, and relying on personal perspectives can lead to destruction. True freedom comes from aligning our lives with God's truth, as revealed in His Word, even when it challenges our desires or beliefs. Jesus is not just a truth, but **the** truth that sets people free.

Icebreaker Idea

Begin the session by playing a quick icebreaker game called "*Two Truths and a Lie*." Share three statements about yourself (or let someone else do it) and have the group guess which one is false. Use this as a transition to the lesson:

Example:

1. I did my first professional magic show at age 12.
2. Two of my six children were unplanned.
3. I sneak M&Ms when I don't preach my best.

Key Scripture(s)

2 Timothy 4:2-4 NLT: Preach the word of God. ... Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

John 18:37-38 NIV: “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” “**What is truth?**” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.

Additional Scripture

- Proverbs 14:12 NLT
- Jeremiah 17:9 NLT
- 2 Timothy 4:2-4 NLT
- John 14:6 NIV
- John 18:38-40 NIV
- John 8:32 NLT

Talk About It

1. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:2-4. What are your initial thoughts or feelings about this Scripture? How does it influence how you view what’s true?
3. Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" Why do you think this is such an important question for us today? How do you see people around you (or even yourself) wrestling with this question in today’s culture?
4. Talk about some ways believing “your truth” can be dangerous.
5. Jesus declared, “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). How does understanding Jesus as *the* truth, rather than just *a* truth, impact your faith and decisions? What areas of your life might need to align more with Jesus’ truth instead of “your truth”?

Share Prayer requests:

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank You for being our steady truth in a world filled with different opinions and ideas. Please show us where we’re letting our feelings determine “our truth,” instead of allowing Your truth to set us free. In Jesus’ name amen.