

APOLOGETICS 101 — Chapter 2 – For Discipleship Class

Why Truth Matters

If truth is “whatever I feel,” then faith becomes shaky. But if truth is _____, then our faith has a strong foundation even when feelings change.

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In apologetics, you’ll hear statements like:

- “That might be true for you, but not for me.”
- “All truth is relative.”
- “I just follow my heart.”

This chapter teaches us to recognize that God’s truth is _____, and Jesus is the _____, so we can stand firm with _____ and confidence.

Key Scriptures (NKJV References)

- **John 14:6** - Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
- **John 17:17** - God’s Word is truth.
- **2 Timothy 3:16–17** -Scripture equips believers for every good work.
- **Isaiah 40:8** - God’s Word stands forever.
- **Romans 12:2** - Renew your mind (don’t be shaped by the world).

What Is Truth?

Truth is not a trend. Truth is not a mood. Truth is not a vote.
Truth is what _____ up with who God is and what God has _____.

Two Kinds of “Truth” People Talk About

1) Personal preference (what I like)

Example: “I like sweet tea.” (That’s not a moral truth, it’s a _____.)

2) Moral and spiritual truth (what is right and real)

Example: “God is holy.” “Sin destroys.” “Jesus saves.” (That’s truth that doesn’t _____.)

When people say, “That’s your truth,” they usually mean: “I don’t want a truth that _____ me.”

But Biblical truth isn’t meant to comfort our sin; Biblical truth is meant to _____.

Biblical Points (Write These in Your Heart)

1. **Truth is a Person: Jesus Christ.** (John 14:6)
2. **Truth is revealed through God’s _____.** (John 17:17)
3. **Truth doesn’t change just because culture changes.** (Isaiah 40:8)
4. **Scripture is God-breathed and useful for life and _____**
(2 Timothy 3:16–17)
5. **We must renew our minds to _____ biblically.** (Romans 12:2)
6. **Truth spoken in love brings _____ not bondage.**
(John 8:31–32)

Definitions (Must-Know for Ministry Workers)

1) Truth

What is real and right according to God is unchanging and _____.

2) Worldview

A person’s “belief lens” that shapes how they see life, meaning, morality, and _____.

3) Biblical Authority

The truth that Scripture has the right to lead, _____, and shape our beliefs and choices.

4) Revelation

God making Himself known _____ Scripture, creation, and ultimately through Jesus Christ.

5) Inspiration

The Holy Spirit guided the writers of Scripture, so the Bible communicates God's _____.

6) Conviction

When the Holy Spirit presses truth on our hearts, showing what needs to _____.

Quick Understanding

Culture says: “Truth is flexible. Truth is personal. Truth is whatever makes you happy.”

The Bible says:

Truth is God's Word, and Jesus is the Truth. Truth is meant to _____ us to _____.

“Truth Test” Tool

When someone hears a teaching, idea, or trend, ask:

1. **Does this agree with _____?** (John 17:17)
2. **Does this honor Jesus as Lord?** (John 14:6)
3. **Does this produce Godly _____ or worldly confusion?** (Matthew 7:16; Galatians 5:22–23)

Check-In Questions

- 1) **Jesus said, “I am the way, the _____, and the life.”**
- 2) **John 17:17 says God's _____ is truth.**

3) True or False: If lots of people believe something, it must be true.

4) 2 Timothy 3:16 teaches that all Scripture is given by inspiration of _____.

5) A worldview is a person's belief _____.

Reflection Questions

1. What is one "truth" the world promotes that clashes with Scripture?
2. Why do you think some people resist the idea of absolute truth?
3. How does knowing Jesus is Truth give you peace?
4. What is one area where you need your mind renewed by the Word?
5. How can you speak truth without sounding harsh?

Practice Section: "Truth + Love" Responses

Write a short response you can use when someone says:

Statement: "That may be true for you, but not for me."

My response (calm and kind):

Scripture I can reference (just the reference):

Statement: "I just follow my heart."

My response (gentle but truthful):

Guided Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that You are Truth and You do not change. Help me love Your Word, obey it, and speak it with grace. Renew my mind, strengthen my faith, and make me bold and gentle as I stand for what is right. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Practical Challenge (1 Action Step)

This week, choose **one truth Scripture** to read daily and speak out loud.

Suggested: **John 14:6** or **John 17:17**

Then write one sentence each day:

“Today, God’s truth means I will _____.”

What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you through this lesson?

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