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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Believe: Ep. 1 Da Truth
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John 14:5-8

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷If you really know Me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

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Sermon Premise: The core of the gospel is anchored in truth and meaning.

“If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning.”
C.S. Lewis

- The future of evangelism is based in truth and meaning and it is impossible to have meaning without absolute truth.

Understanding Truth: Truth by nature must have limits.

1. **Truth and life are found along the “way”:** **John 14:5-8** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 - a. If you don’t know where you are going, you will never know the way.
 - b. Faith requires that you must start upon the path before you encounter truth and life.

The world says, find your truth and then you will know the way. Jesus says, follow the way and truth and life will be found on its path.

- **Righteousness leads to truth:** **John 8:31-32** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ⁵² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- **Wickedness leads to suppression of the truth:** **Romans 1:18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the **truth** by their wickedness.

Practical Takeaways:

1. This week, define what you know is true.
2. Where in your life could more disciplined following lead to a harvest of truth and peace.

Small Group Questions:

1. Pastor Adam said, “We are living in a world that is becoming increasingly meaningless.” Do you agree with that?
2. “If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning.” Can you explain what C.S. Lewis is saying?
3. Why is truth so important to meaning? Jesus links them together?
4. Jesus puts being the Way the Truth and the life in a specific order. John 8:31-32 (Above) says that you must start on the path (THE WAY) before you get to the truth. Why would Jesus not start with truth before sending you out on the path or the way.
5. Romans 1:18 says that wickedness suppresses the truth. Why would that be?