



Beautiful Fences: Week Two — “The Bible Still Speaks”

CONNECT: Have you ever opened a piece of furniture that came with a complex set of 'do-it yourself' instructions? Are you the type of person that reads through the directions, or do you view them as more of a list of suggestions?

GROW:

1. Grace + Truth = Love. How can all grace and no truth be destructive? Conversely, how can all truth and no grace deliver less than love? Why do we need both? How does re-defining truth change the equation altogether?
2. **Read John 14:6.** Culture frequently describes truth in terms of “his truth,” “her truth,” or “my truth.” What does Jesus have to say about truth and its source? Do His words in this passage point towards one truth or multiple versions of truth?
3. **Read John 1:1 and Hebrews 13:8.** Jesus has been the same since the beginning of time and will remain the same in the future. Jesus is exclusively the truth; therefore, truth does not shift or change. In what ways have you seen culture try to shift and manipulate the truth?
4. **Read Hebrews 4:12-13.** The Bible is full of truth that has stood the test of time. Is there anything that you have read or heard about the Bible that is hard to accept as truth? What about your friends and family? Is there anything that they have a hard time accepting about the Bible? (Truth stands up under scrutiny. God can certainly handle your questions!)

PRAY: Pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24—“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Ask God to reveal ways you may have allowed the world to shape your view of truth. Ask for God to reveal more truth to you today.

NEXT: What better way to pursue truth than to read the Bible? Whether you have read the Bible from cover to cover or you have never cracked the cover, you can benefit from God’s Word. Spend a little bit of time in The Word each day this week. Don’t know where to start? Read one chapter from the book of John each day this week.