

ABSOLUTE TRUTH IN A RELATIVISTIC WORLD
(Vision and Values – Part 1)
August 29, 2021

Mission/Vision Statement: Gold Coast exists to build a community which proclaims the gospel of Jesus by loving people into the Kingdom of God, training disciples to make disciples, growing people into spiritual maturity, and transforming our world through personal renewal.

Core Values: Truth, Family, Beauty, Risk

The Importance of a Mission/Vision Statement & Core Values:

Absolute Truth Versus ' _____ ' Truth

The Necessity of Truth

Truth allows you _____

Truth _____

Truth _____

Fill-ins: Relative; to live; sets you free; is a Person

Life Group Questions for the Week of August 29, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. As we begin a series on what we are to be doing as a church, can you recall a time you wasted time (or some other result) by following wrong and/or unclear directions in your personal life? Why is it important to know the 'what' and the 'why' of our mission as a church?
3. Why is the notion of absolute truth largely rejected by our culture? In the book of Judges, it says, "People did whatever seemed right in their own eyes." What is the difference between things that are sometimes true or true for certain people (relative truth) and things that are always true for everyone (absolute truth)?
4. In John 1, Jesus is described as "full of grace and truth." Many times Christians are criticized for being arrogant in their claims to truth or in the way they talk about the truth. Do you think these criticisms are valid? Why or why not? What do you think it looks like to be full of grace and truth?
5. It's been said that it's very difficult to have the truth but not hurt anybody with it. What do you think that means? Have you ever been hurt by the truth? What does it mean to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15)?
6. In 2 Timothy 4:3, Paul warns Timothy about false teaching. List some examples in today's world of what Paul predicted.
7. Have you ever resisted the idea of Jesus being the only path to Heaven? What made you question that belief?
8. In John 8:31-32, Jesus says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Based on the surrounding verses in John 8 and your own reflections, what does it mean to be set free by the truth of Jesus? Who in your life needs this freedom? How can you begin to share it with them this week?