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Session Two

Family of Christ Lutheran Worldview Study

THEME

Jesus is the Truth, and God's Word is truth. Because God is our Creator and Redeemer, we trust His Word—even when His truth challenges our feelings, desires, assumptions, or culture.

Primary Text: Mark 4:35-41

Key Point

Christianity does not begin with ourselves and our opinions. **It begins with Jesus Christ.**

We do not ask Jesus to fit into our worldview. We allow Jesus and His Word to **shape our worldview.**

Opening Question

What are your sources for truth?

Think about the different voices that influence what you believe to be true: family, friends, education, experience, emotions, culture, social media, politics, experts, entertainment, and Scripture.

- Which of these voices do you tend to trust most?
- When two sources disagree, how do you decide which one is right?
- Why is it difficult for us to admit that we may be wrong?

1. Who Is Jesus?

Read Mark 4:35-41

The disciples are caught in a terrifying storm. Jesus is asleep in the boat, and they cry out, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus rebukes the wind and the sea, and the storm immediately stops. The disciples respond: "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" That question is central to understanding Christian truth.

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Discuss:

1. What does this event reveal about Jesus?
2. Why is Jesus' identity important when we talk about truth?
3. What is the difference between saying that Jesus **knows the truth** and saying that **Jesus is the Truth**?
4. Read **John 14:1–6**. What does Jesus claim about Himself?
5. If Jesus really is "the way, and the truth, and the life," what difference should that make in the way we understand the world?

2. Where Do We Find God's Truth?

Read John 17:17–18

Discuss:

1. What are some sources of "truth" that compete for our attention today?
2. Why can our feelings and instincts be unreliable guides to truth?
3. Can something feel completely right and still be wrong according to God's Word? Why?
4. What is the danger of making our own feelings the final authority?
5. How does God's Word provide something that our feelings, experiences, and culture cannot provide?

Deep Dive

As Christians, we receive the Holy Scriptures as God's inspired and authoritative Word. Scripture is not simply one opinion among many.

God speaks. We listen. Our confidence in Scripture ultimately rests not in our ability to understand everything perfectly, but in the faithfulness of the God who has revealed Himself to us.

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3. What Happens When God's Truth Disagrees With Us?

It is relatively easy to accept God's Word when it confirms what we already believe. The greater test comes when God's Word confronts us. Sometimes God's truth is comforting. Sometimes it is difficult. It may expose sin, challenge our assumptions, confront our desires, or call us to repent.

Discuss:

1. Why do we sometimes resist biblical teaching when it conflicts with what we already believe?
2. What is the difference between saying, **"I don't understand this,"** and saying, **"I refuse to believe this because I don't agree with it"?**
3. Why can submitting to God's Word be difficult?
4. What does our resistance to God's Word reveal about our sinful nature?
5. How should Christians respond when Scripture challenges something we strongly believe?

A Question for Personal Reflection

Without necessarily sharing something deeply personal with the group: Is there an area of your life where you find it particularly difficult to trust God's wisdom rather than your own? What makes that difficult?

4. Truth and the Storm

Return to Mark 4:35–41

Discuss:

1. How can difficult circumstances affect our understanding of God?
2. Why are we sometimes tempted to believe that God has abandoned us when life becomes difficult?

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3. Does a difficult circumstance change what is true about God?
4. How can we distinguish between **what we feel** and **what God's Word tells us is true**?
5. What truths about Jesus can Christians cling to when circumstances make those truths difficult to see?

Remember

Our circumstances do not determine truth. The storm does not make Jesus less Lord. Our feelings do not determine truth. Culture does not determine truth. Our desires do not determine truth. **Jesus is the Truth. God's Word is truth.**

5. Truth Leads Us to Trust

The Christian life is not simply about possessing correct information. God's truth calls us to **faith and trust in Christ**. Sometimes faith says: "I understand this, and I believe it." At other times faith says: "I don't understand this yet, but I trust the God who does." That is especially important when God's Word confronts our own wisdom.

Discuss:

1. What is the relationship between truth and faith?
2. Why does trusting God require humility?
3. How does knowing that God is our Creator affect the way we receive His commands?
4. How does knowing that **God loves us in Christ** change the way we hear difficult truths from His Word?
5. What is the difference between obeying God because we are trying to earn His love and obeying God because we already have His love in Christ?

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6. Putting It Into Practice

Consider the question:

"Who gets the final word?"

When your feelings say one thing and God's Word says another—who gets the final word?

When your culture says one thing and Scripture says another—who gets the final word?

When your desires say one thing and Jesus says another—who gets the final word?

Discuss:

1. What practical habits can help us become more deeply grounded in God's Word?
2. How can our congregation help one another remain faithful to biblical truth?
3. How can we speak biblical truth to our culture without becoming self-righteous or harsh?
4. What does it look like to hold firmly to God's truth while showing Christlike love toward people who disagree with us?
5. Where might God be calling you to trust His Word more fully?

Closing Reflection

Take a moment of silence and consider: What voice has been receiving the final word in my life? Then consider: What would it look like for me to trust Jesus and His Word more fully this week?

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Closing Thought

A biblical worldview begins with God—not with ourselves.

God is true.

His Word is true.

Jesus is the Truth.

Therefore, when God's truth confronts us, we do not need to reshape God's Word to fit our lives. Instead, by God's grace, we allow His Word to reshape us. And when the storms come, our confidence is not ultimately in our feelings, our wisdom, or our ability to control circumstances. Our confidence is in Jesus. **"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" He is Jesus. He is Lord. He is the Truth.**

