

Small Group Discussion Guide:

The Standard for Truth is Jesus Christ

Icebreaker Questions (5–10 minutes)

1. Share a time when someone's honesty really impacted you—positively or negatively. How did it affect your relationship with that person?
 2. If you could ask one famous figure (living or historical) about truth, who would it be and why?
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Part 1: Truth and Relationships

Activity: Pair up and share your answers.

- How do you think knowing the truth of Jesus can deepen friendships or family relationships?
- The message mentions that in Christ, we are more than acquaintances—we are family. Can you think of a time when you felt that kind of connection in a church or faith community?

Group Discussion:

- How do differences (personality, hobbies, opinions) sometimes create barriers in relationships? How does a shared commitment to truth bridge those gaps?
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Part 2: Truth and Personal Growth

Prompt: Reflect quietly for 1–2 minutes.

- Philippians 4:6-7 talks about “peace that passes understanding.” Share one area of life where God’s peace has helped you remain calm during stress or uncertainty.

Interactive Activity:

- Everyone writes one way they want to grow in godliness this week on a sticky note. Place the notes on a “growth wall” to encourage each other.

Discussion Questions:

- How does knowing the truth improve character and provide purpose in life?
 - Can anyone share a personal example of making a decision differently because of a commitment to biblical truth?
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Part 3: The Challenge of Standing Firm

Scenario Exercise:

- Divide into small groups. Each group is given a scenario where the truth is unpopular (e.g., speaking about honesty at work, standing up for biblical values in school, challenging a friend’s unethical behavior). Discuss: How would you respond, in love, without compromising the truth?

Group Reflection:

- What are some pressures that make people dilute the truth today?
- How can pride or the desire to appeal to others affect how we live out the truth?

Part 4: Sharing God's Truth

Activity: "Truth in Action" Roleplay

- In pairs, practice sharing a biblical truth in a gentle, loving, and confident way. One person plays the sharer, the other plays the listener with tough questions. Switch roles after 2–3 minutes.

Discussion:

- How does authenticity and character affect how people receive the truth?
- William Barclay said, "A man's message will always be heard in context with his character." What does this mean in real-life situations?

Part 5: Reflection and Application

Personal Reflection Prompt:

- Think about one area in your life where standing firm in the truth might be difficult. Write down a practical step you can take this week to live out God's truth there.

Group Sharing (Optional):

- Share one action step with the group for accountability and encouragement.

Closing Activity:

- Read together: 1 Timothy 4:16 and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (verse 3). Pray for courage, consistency, and confidence to live out truth in daily life.