**Jesus Is The Truth Teller**

**John 14:23-26**

* **One reason that Jesus came into the World was to “Testify to the Truth.”**
* Jesus **-** *“I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”* (John 18:37)
* **The Word of God is the written declaration of truth that Christians are to build their lives upon.**
* Jesus - *“Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”* (John‬ 14:12‬)
* **The majority of people who “believe” in God would say that they “Love” God, but Jesus said this is not the truth.**
* *“Jesus answered, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. 25 I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.’”* (John 14:23-26)
* **The truth is that only those who obey God are those who actually love God.**

***We Need To Obey Jesus With:***

**THE ACTIONS IN OUR LIVES**

* *“Jesus answered, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words.”* (John 14:23-24a)
* **Obedience is the mark of a true believer in Christ.**
* Jesus - *“Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”* (Luke 11:28)
* *“But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* (James‬ 1:22‬)
* **Repentance is only legitimate when it is followed by actions of obedience.**
* *“Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance.”* (Matthew‬ 3:8‬)
* **You have not submitted your life to God’s authority until you are willing to do what He says.**

***We Need To Obey Jesus With:***

**OUR ATTITUDES TOWARDS OTHERS**

* *“Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others. 5 Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,”* (Philippians 2:4-5)
* **Our attitudes when dealing with other people must reflect the Lord and His work within our lives.**
* *“Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, 9 not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing.”* (1 Peter 3:8-9)
* **Love is an action that we take, not a statement that we make.**
* *“Love means doing what God has commanded us, and He has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning.”* (2 John 1:6)
* **Love is the most essential mark of a Christian.**
* *“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing.”* (1 Corinthians 13:1-2)
* **Love is expressed in how we prioritize others above ourselves.**
* *“The greatest among you must be a servant.”* (Matthew‬ 23:11‬)

***We Need To Obey Jesus With:***

**OUR AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

* **Our primary ambition should be to seek and to build God’s kingdom.**
* *“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.”* (Matthew 6:33)
* **Our obedience to the Lord includes trying to fulfill God’s will for our lives.**
* *“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.’ 14 Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes.**15 Instead, you should say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.’ 16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it.”* (James 4:13-17)
* **Ambition can be the source of evil, disobedience, and disorder in our lives.**
* *“For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice.”* (James 3:16)
* Jesus - *“The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. 25 I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”* (John 14:24-26)
* **Jesus references the Trinity and states that The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit are all in one accord will declare this truth to all of us.**

**\*\*Connect Group Discussion on Back\*\***

**CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Ice Breaker:** What is your favorite Truth from God’s Word (Bible)?

**Start thinking:**

* What do we learn about God/Jesus from John 14:23-26?
* What are the areas of our lives where we need to obey Jesus?
* Why do you think so many people who profess to be Christians today do not walk in obedience to the teachings of Christ?
* What is true repentance?

**Start sharing. Discuss in depth to create openness.**

* What are some areas in my life where I need to be Obedient to the Lord?
* What are some changes I need to make in my attitudes toward others?
* How can I better exemplify the Lord through the way that I love others?
* What is your “Big Takeaway” from this message?

**Pray**

* Share prayer requests and pray for each other.
* Pray for our community to be open to the Gospel.
* Pray for our church, and leadership.
* Pray for our government leaders, and local leaders.
* Pray about anything else the Holy Spirit leads you to pray for.