

THE BELT OF TRUTH

2 Timothy 3:14-17

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHERE DO WE FIND THE TRUTH?
2. WHY SHOULD WE TRUST THE BIBLE AS TRUTH?
3. HOW DO WE ACTUALLY USE THE BIBLE AS FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. Life is often defined by instability. Paul compares this reality to a ship being tossed at sea. Where are you currently experiencing instability in your life?
3. The instability Paul describes in Ephesians 4 is caused by lies we believe. What are some of the destabilizing lies of our culture?
4. The Bible is where we find the truth. We don't only believe this because "the Bible says so" but because we can see it work in the lives of others and we can see it work in our own lives. What evidence have you seen in favor of the truth of the Bible in the lives of others? What about in your own life? What are some other reasons you believe the Bible holds the truth?
5. Paul encourages Timothy to look to the examples of people who taught him the truth of God's Word. Who is one of your examples in this area? What did you learn from them about the truth? Who are you currently being an example to in this way? (**Bonus:** Take time this week to spend time with either one of your examples or someone who you are an example to.)
6. One primary way we will grow to firmly believe in the truth of the Bible is if we put what it teaches into practice in our lives. How has putting the teachings of the Bible into practice helped you believe it more firmly? What's one area of your life where you'd like to do better at applying the teachings of the Bible?
7. If our use of the Bible isn't consistently getting us to Jesus, then the truth of the Bible will not save us, it will condemn us. How do we avoid using the Bible wrongly? How do we use it rightly?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: In a world of instability, Jesus carries us to firm ground.