

## WHAT IS TRUTH?

John 18:12-40

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

### CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- If a child asked you to define “truth”, what definition would give? Can you think of any passages of Scripture that might help you?

### APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Pastor Jason showed us how four different characters responded differently to the truth.**

#### Intro:

- The way John records this story highlights **the contrast between the perfect Jesus and sinful humans**. What are some other biblical stories where this contrast is clear?

#### Four Responses to the Truth:

1. **Peter Denied the Truth...But Jesus is Forgiveness for the Failure (John 18:15-18 and 25-27)**
  - *Peter is given three chances to identify with Jesus, but he fails each time.* Are there times in your life when you are like Peter?
  - When have you been most prone to fail the Lord? How can you prepare for the next time so as not to fail again?
  - How does the promise of 1 John 1:9 help you recover when you’ve failed the Lord?
2. **The Religious Leaders Despised the Truth...But Jesus is Hope for the Hypocrite (John 18:12-14; 19-24; 28)**
  - *The religious leaders should have been the first to follow Jesus, but they despised Him.* Are there times in your life when you are like the Jewish religious leaders?
  - Why do you think it can be hard for people who have been in church their whole lives to see Jesus for Who He really is?
3. **Pilate Doubted the Truth...But Jesus is Salvation for the Skeptic (John 18:28-40)**
  - *Pilate didn’t see the truth, although it was standing right in front of him.* Are there times in your life when you are like Pilate?
  - What were some ways God overcame your doubts and brought you to Himself in salvation?
4. **Barabbas was Delivered by the Truth...Because Jesus is the Substitution for the Sinner (John 18:40)**
  - *Barabbas was a convicted criminal and deserved to be punished for his crimes, but Jesus took his place on the cross.* Are there times in your life when you are like Barabbas?
  - If you’re a Christian, how will you respond this week to Jesus taking YOUR place on the cross?

### PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- The truth of the Gospel demands a response. Right now, confess any sinful responses you have had, and commit to responding like someone trying to be more like Jesus.

