

Whatever is True

Philippians 4:8-9, I John 1:5-7, John 1:43-51

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#### WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the most trustworthy person(s) you have ever known? What traits or qualities make them trustworthy? What role does truth play in that person's life?
2. How much does the virtue of truth hold among the people of authority in our culture today? Why might this be so? How does this impact their influence?
3. How would you define truth?

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read I John 1:5-7. As children of light, truth is our destiny. How is this embodiment, as reflected in 1 John 2, different than the striving of our own human effort? How do we, at times, try to create this in our life instead of reflecting God's truth already in us?
2. Pastor Jonathan spoke about two perspectives of truth - the Greek (truth is what is seen in reality) and the Hebrew (truth is being transformed in relationship to God). Find examples of truth in Jesus' life on earth (in words and actions) that embodied both expressions of this word. How can this establish His credibility on earth?
3. From Jesus' encounter with Nathanael (John 1), what caused Nathanael to have his mind and heart changed about Jesus?
4. Why would anyone want to embrace the character of God?

#### APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How can you get into the habit of truth in the context of your family home and work life? What might impede your commitment to and practice of truthfulness?
2. We often make compromises in life that colors the truth. How can God help us to stay true?
3. What is one characteristic of God that you would like to embrace? Why did you select that?