

# STUDY NOTES

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN A SERIES *at* NEW CITY CHURCH

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The following content is based on the message "Truth in the Kingdom" on 6/10/18 at New City Church in Phoenix, AZ. The following is not meant to be a full synopsis but rather a brief look at the main ideas. To use this Study Guide effectively you must listen to the message found at <http://newcityphx.com/sermons/>.

Leaders using these study notes for group study and reflection should read the Biblical text thoroughly before beginning, using this resource as assistance and not relying solely on this material for insight. We encourage all leaders to pray and ask the Spirit for revelation as they lead their respective community groups.

## PRAYER

*Pray and ask God to lead the discussion as everyone gets to share.*

## SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

## CHOOSE A KINGDOM

Paul tells the Colossians that they have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Jesus. In whichever kingdom we find ourselves living, it is there where we base our definition of truth. If we live in our own kingdom, then we usually base our definition of truth on whatever we want. If we live in the kingdom of Jesus, then we should base our definition of truth on how Jesus defines truth.

- *How does defining your own truth actually lead to a life that is very unstable?*

## WHAT IS TRUTH?

We often look to the opinion of society to define truth for us. When we look to self or popular opinion for truth, we will eventually become disillusioned and deluded.

**Truth does not depend on you or the opinions of the masses. Truth is.**

- *Why is society's definition of truth so appealing?*
- *What are some things that society has gotten right?*

In verse 6 says that we can understand the grace of God in truth. When Jesus came to earth, he came full of both grace and truth. We are called to imitate Jesus, and to speak the truth in love is the most graceful thing we can do.

**When you walk in grace and truth, you will likely have enemies on both sides of an issue.**

- *What are some things that society has gotten wrong?*
- *How do you need to be challenged to be more truthful in the face of society?*
- *How do you need to be challenged to be more gracious in the face of society?*

## HOW DO WE FIND TRUTH?

We find truth when we enter the kingdom of heaven. We enter the kingdom of heaven by humbling ourselves before King Jesus—because he is the truth. We discover the Kingdom of truth when we turn from our own way and turn to Jesus.

**Only God qualifies us to enter the kingdom.**

- *How does knowing that only God qualifies us to enter the kingdom lead to humility? Why do we constantly need to be reminded of this?*
- *Pray with each other to walk full of both grace and truth.*