1 - **Truth & The Great Commission**Matthew 28:18-20

2 - **What Is Truth?** John 18:38

* **Truth is fact or reality**.
* **Truth is established by the One who has all authority**.
* ***“The sum of Your word is truth.”*** (Psalms 119:160; John 17:17)
* **Satan has been attacking truth** from the beginning.
* **Truth is knowable!** (John 8:31-32; Ephesians 3:3-5)
* Truth by its’ nature is **exclusive and narrow**. (John 14:6)
* **Any changes turns truth into error**. (Galatians 1:8-9)

3 - **What Truth Does?**

1. **Responded to, it will save your soul** (1 Peter 1:22) and **cause you to be born anew**. (James 1:18)
2. **It sanctifies us and sets us apart.** (John 17:17)
3. **It protects us from our adversary**. (Ephesians 6:14)
4. **It will “sober” us up!** (Acts 26:25)

4 - **Some Never Come To Know Truth…** 2 Timothy 3:7

***“Always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth…”* Why not?**

1. **Wrong source?** (1 Corinthians 1:18ff; 2 Timothy 4:2-3)
2. **Don’t take it to heart.** (Malachi 2:2)
3. **Don’t’ ever make application.** (James 1:22-25)
4. **Wrong mindset.** (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Colossians 3:1-2)
5. **Failure to respect divine authority & arrogance.** (James 1:21)
6. **No diligence.** (2 Timothy 2:15)

5 - **What Truth Requires of Us?**

1. **Keep examining the truth.** (1 John 4:1-6)
2. **Handle it accurately** (2 Timothy 2:15)
3. **Don’t stray from it**. (James 5:19) How?
4. **Love and value it!** (2 Thessalonians 2:10; Proverbs 23:23)

**6 – What Truth Requires of us?**

1. **Keep being reminded!** (2 Peter 1:12-15)
2. **We must keep “practicing” it** (1 John 1:6; John 3:21) **& walking in it.** (3 John 4)
3. **We must uphold it and defend it**. (1 Timothy 3:15; Isaiah 59:14-15)
4. **We must keep speaking and preaching the truth**! (Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 1:5)

7 - **Truth and the Great Commission**

* ***“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”* (Mark 16:15-16)**
* ***“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you…”*** (Matthew 28:19-20)

8 - **Truth and the Great Commission**

* **Yes, we all must seek it!** (Jeremiah 5:1)
* **We must fight for the truth as the world seeks to *“suppress”* the truth.** (Jude 3; Romans 1:18)
* **The word still must be carried to the lost.** (Romans 10:12-15; Ephesians 1:13)

9 - **Who Must Carry It? Whom Can God Send With It?**

***“Who can I send and who will go up for us?”*** (Isaiah 6:8)

* **Jonah - “Here am I, I’m not going”** (Jonah 1:1-3)
* **Moses - “Here am I, send someone else”** (Aaron; Exodus 3:10)
* **Isaiah - “Here am I, send me”** (Isaiah 6:8; Romans 1:14-16)

**All are called upon to help spread the truth of the gospel**. (Acts 8:4; 11:22-26; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; Hebrews 5:12)

10 - **Will You Believe and Obey The Truth?**

* **Will we believe the truth?** (2 Thessalonians 2:12)
* **We can’t be *“self-seeking”*** (ESV) **when we *“obey the truth”.*** (Romans 2:8)
* **If we do, our soul can be “purified”.** (1 Peter 1:22)