



WHY TRUTH MATTERS

ROMANS 16:17-20 * NOVEMBER 12, 2023

THE NATURE OF ALL THINGS TRUE

- ① Truth in the spiritual realm is _____ than truth in any other area of life.
- ② Some truth is _____ than other truth.

TWO KINDS OF BIBLICAL TRUTH

- ① _____ truth — things _____ fighting or dividing over.

TWO QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES

- Is the issue _____ destructive?
- Is the issue _____ destructive?

- ② _____ truth — things we _____ and refuse to budge on.

TWO ISSUES WORTH DIVIDING OVER

- Anything that keeps people out of _____.
- Anything that presents a _____ Jesus or God.

ROMANS 14:1-7; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-20; GALATIANS 1:8-10;
2 JOHN 10; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:14-15; 2 CORINTHIANS 11:14-15

SPIRITUAL POISONS TO AVOID

- ① Those who _____ — they make it _____ for people to come to Jesus.
- ② Those who promote _____ arguments — they read things into the Bible that aren't there.
- ③ Those who _____ sin — they turn grace into a _____ for sin.

ROMANS 16:17; LUKE 11:45-46; 1 TIMOTHY 1:3-7;
2 TIMOTHY 2:16-17a; TITUS 3:9-11; JUDE 3-4

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Who was someone everyone tried to avoid in grade school? Why?
2. Read Romans 16:17-20. What type of people were causing divisions and creating problems in the family of God? How can we overcome the subtle but destructive influence of such people?
3. In the previous two chapters, Paul wrote about divisions of opinion that Christians should allow. However, what kinds of divisions should churches not allow (verse 17)? What does Paul say about the sort of person who causes these divisions (verses 17-18)?
4. Read Galatians 1:8-10. Why do you think Paul is so harsh in his judgment of those who preach a different gospel? How might the way we present the gospel be different if we were seeking the approval of people instead of God?
5. Read Jude 3-4. What made Jude change the topic of his letter? Why did Jude describe certain people as "godless"? What is the difference between this kind of false teacher and a misinformed Christian? What can you do to help guard your church against false teaching?
6. On the message we discussed three spiritual poisons to avoid (see above). Of the three, is there one you need to be more careful of than the others? Why?