

# [RE]CONSTRUCTING

## Truth in the Age of 'You do You'

John 18:38-39 & 14:6

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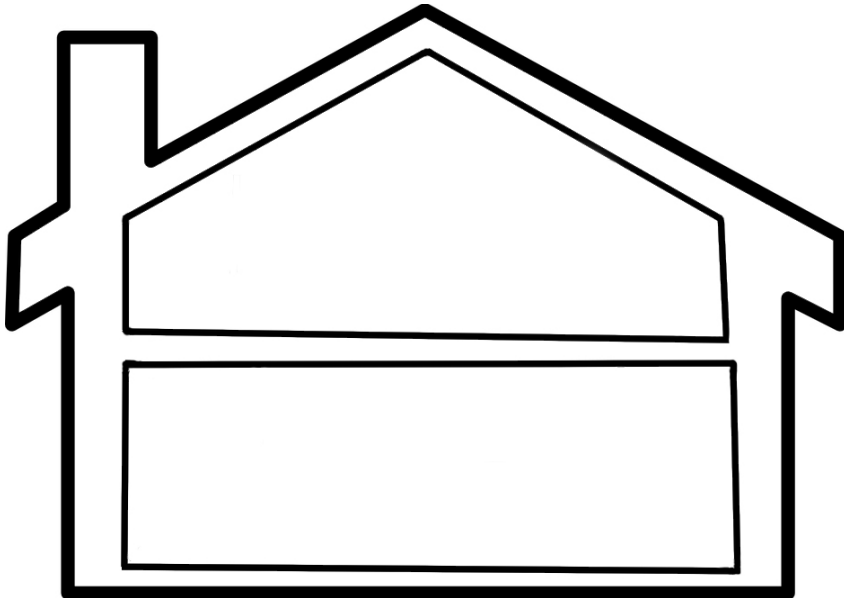
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3. Truth is \_\_\_\_\_:  
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**The truth is still true in the age of 'you do you.'**

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Questions based on the sermon from February 2, 2025

### Getting to Know Me

1. What is something true of you that people would be surprised to know?
2. How comfortable (or uncomfortable) are you when it comes to articulating what you believe and why you believe it?

### Digging Deeper

3. How have you personally encountered (or wrestled with) deconstruction or a disruption of faith?
4. Pastor Phil defined relativism as "a claim that there are no absolute truths."
  - When or how have you encountered this idea in daily life/our culture?
  - How would you respond to the claim that truth is relative?
5. Read Jesus' conversation with the Roman Governor Pilate in John 18:37-38. How would you answer Pilate's question?
6. On Sunday, we defined *truth* as "corresponding to reality." How
7. Read John 14:5-9.
  - In your own words, what is Jesus claiming here in v. 6?
  - What do you think it means for Jesus to say that he is "*the truth*"?

- How does Jesus' claim discredit the deconstructed, divided view of truth in the house diagram?

8. What does Jesus mean when he prays for us, "*Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth*" in John 17:17? What are some ways that you see a need for sanctification in God's truth?
9. Read the following scriptures and circle the words "true/truth," "false," "believe," and "know" (and similar) every time they appear. Then list off what these verses tell us we can know to be true.
  - I John 2:3-6
  - I John 2:20-23
  - I John 4:1-8
  - I John 5:13-14
  - I John 18-20

### Making it Personal:

10. Have you personally wrestled with questions about God or walked with someone who was/is deconstructing their faith?
11. Sunday hit on the value of asking questions. While it's not the role of Growth Groups to answer all of our questions, what are some faith questions that have come up for you?

### Prayer:

Without naming individuals, pray for those that are struggling with their faith or are tempted to leave the faith. Pray for one another to be rooted and established in God's grace, to know what we believe and why we believe it.

*We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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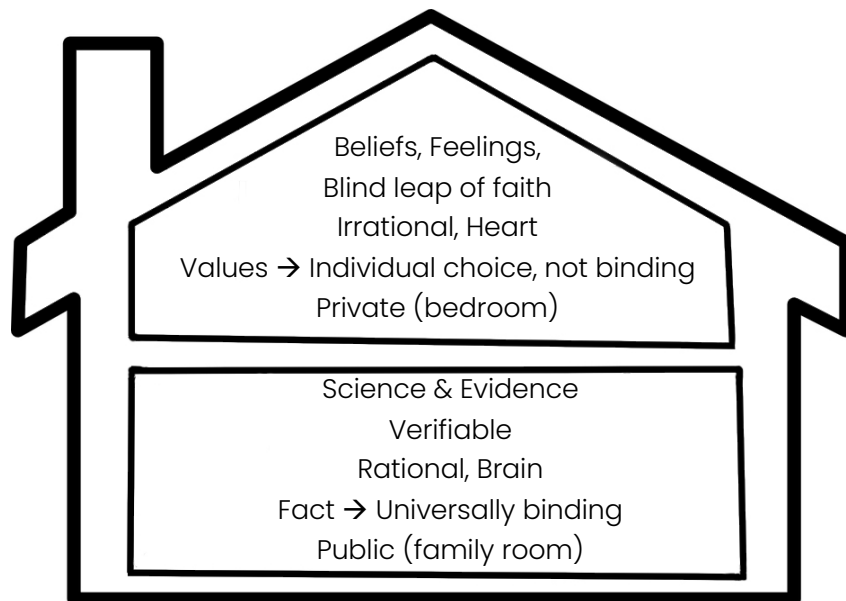
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2. Truth is EXCLUSIVE: if something is true, it necessarily excludes the opposite.

3. Truth is KNOWABLE:

...through REASON.

...through REVELATION.

...through RELATIONSHIP.

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