

Abide in Truth

Study Guide Answer Key

John 17:17:
Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The eighty-first anniversary Sunday Teaching Service (10/1/23) is available to view on theway.org during the week of March 24. The teaching and the answer key can also be viewed here theway.org/ma24activity during March and April 2024. Enjoy using this study guide on your own or with a study partner or in your home fellowship.

Listening with a Purpose

As you watch or listen to the teaching by Rev. Vern Edwards on this year's theme, listen for the answers to these questions.

True or False? "Truth" and "fact" are synonymous terms. **False**

The Hebrew word for "truth" carries the idea of firmness and **faithfulness**

What are four aspects of truth for us to comprehend? Include a scripture reference for each.

1. A **God** of truth — **Deuteronomy 32:4**
2. The **Word** of truth — **Ephesians 1:13**
3. **Jesus Christ** the truth — **John 14:6**
4. The **spirit** of truth — **John 16:13**

Being sanctified means we have been set apart, made **holy** by God, which is the opposite of being common or **unclean**. But we still have to *choose* to let the Word sanctify us **mentally**.

To abide in Jesus Christ and have his words abide in us is to understand and embrace his **purpose** and his **teachings**.

What are two reasons we would want to abide in truth? (Hint: Read John 15:7 and 8.)

1. **We can ask what we will and it shall be done for us.**
2. **We can bear much fruit.**

Like Jesus Christ, we can be **one** with the Father.

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We are made free by the Word of Truth. What is one category of life in which you have been freed by the Word of Truth? Or, what is one answer from God's Word that has set you free?
2. What could you lovingly say in response to someone's claim that truth is relative?
3. Consider the word "sanctify" in John 17:17. Look back at your Listening with a Purpose questions to refresh yourself on what it means to be sanctified. What is God's part in our sanctification? What is our part in manifesting our sanctification?

For Further Study

Read the Gospel of John, chapters 13 through 17, to gain scope for the context of our theme verse, John 17:17. As you read, make note of verses that declare Jesus' purpose and teachings.

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