

# What is Truth?

John 18:33-40

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<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.

<sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

## Table Discussion Questions:

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1. Do you struggle with the idea of truth in general? If so, why?
2. How do you know or determine if something is true?
3. How might you respond to someone (maybe it's you!) who feels that Christianity is too exclusive in its truth claims?
4. Have you experienced the freedom of the truth? Do you live as someone whose truth 'sets them free'?
5. What does it mean for you that God's truth is Personal?
6. Would you describe your relating to God as principles or person? Answer, and explain why it is one, the other, or both.