



LIFEGROUPS

Series: On the Election

Bible Focus: 1 Kings 3

Date: Oct. 22 & 23, 2016

—[LET'S TALK]—

- What is one new thing you've learned in the past week?

—[CHOOSE 1 SIDE]—

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- How have you heard people talk about truth?
- Do you think it's possible to know truth? How do you learn the truth?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- Who are the most influential people in your life? How do they influence?
- Do you want to influence the lives of others and the world? Why or why not?

—[LET'S DIG]—

- Read Matthew 19:16-30, John 14:1-7, and discuss truth.
 1. Why is knowing the truth so important? What happens when we believe something is true, but it actually isn't?
 2. How can Jesus say that He is the truth? Why would He include it with "the way" and "the life?"
 3. How come the rich man feels like he still lacks something (Matthew 19:20)?
 4. What things make accepting truth so difficult sometimes?

—[LET'S DIG]—

- Read Colossians 4:2-18 and discuss being a truthful influence on the world.
 1. What does Paul request of the Colossian church in verses 2-6? Does this apply to our church as well? Why or why not?
 2. Consider some of the minor characters Paul mentions. Just from this passage, how did they influence the world for Christ?
 3. When was the last time you had a conversation about Jesus with a non-Christian?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Be an influence! Have you ever thought about being a spiritual mentor, Stephens Minister, or starting a new LifeGroup of your own? Those are three great opportunities we have here at Wooddale Church to influence others towards Christ! As a group, what are some other ways you can influence the world with the truth of God?



—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- Extra scriptures referenced: [1 Kg 10:6-9] - [Ps 33:14, 96:7]
- The future of this nation and this world rests in the hands of Christ's true Church, not in the White House or the capitol.
- America's success was birthed out of a Judeo-Christian worldview that was anchored to the Word of God and practiced by many of her leaders and citizens.
- In the midst of the moral decline in our culture, we have a moral obligation to be salt and light in a darkening world.
- Rather than spewing hatred at our leaders we need to get on our knees and lift them up in prayer. We need to believe that an all-powerful God can change their lives, views, and attitudes.
- If we want our leaders to uphold and practice truth, we too must do the same. And even if they don't bend to God, that is no excuse for us to set aside our responsibilities.
- From 1 Kings 3, we can glean a few things God tell rulers and leaders:
 1. Tell Him what you want. The desires of your heart reveal your true character.
 2. If you want to lead well, learn to bend your knees to the real ruler.
 3. The greatest wish you could ever ask for is that God would help you rule according to his eternal truth as it is revealed in his Word.
 4. If you will always do the right thing, other leaders will respect you and your enemies will fear you.
 5. The day you mock God is the day that judgment begins.
 6. Failure to lead according to the truth will lead to civil unrest.
- For the sake of this nation we must influence our culture in every way with the hope of the gospel.

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