

**PSALM 25: 4-5 "SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD" GROUP BIBLE STUDIES –
LEARNER'S PACKET - LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

LESSON #6 – GOD'S WAY OF TRUTH

GOD'S WAY – As Lutherans, we're proud of Martin for his stand at the investigation which took place at the German city of Worms. He stood up for truth. But what is truth? That is the question asked of a deaf and dumb boy. "What is truth?" In answer, the boy moved his finger in a straight line. "What is falsehood?" He made a zigzag motion with his finger. The boy showed it: truth is the straight line, falsehood is the crooked way. Such a distinction is important in a world which believes 'one man's truth is as good as another.' To help us take a stand against such foolishness, this lesson deals with God's Way Of Truth.

THE PRAYER – Dear Lord, when Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate, the governor asked, "What is truth?" Today, millions in the world believe there is no such thing as THE truth. Satan has placed into their hearts a doubt which says every body can find their own truth. We ask, dear Lord, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit upon such hearts that they may see Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. May they find Truth before it is too late. We ask it in our Savior's Name. Amen.

THE WORLD'S WAY – Not so long ago, the Barna Research Group took a survey on what Americans believe. When our countrymen were asked, 'Is there such a thing as absolute truth?' 66 percent of American adults responded: "There is no such thing as absolute truth." That figure rose to 72 percent when it was asked of young people from the ages of eighteen to twenty-five. These folks believe truth can be found in "conflicting ways and still be correct!" How many Christians would agree with them?

THOUGHT: Whether people like it or not, accept it or not, truth is _____. We can accept that in just about every other area of our life, except in that most important place: religion. Yet, religion is not an exception. Truth is narrow there, too. For those who have doubts about the veracity of this statement, let's take a look at Scripture and see what it says. Look and answer the questions that follow the Bible passages listed below.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH 1 –

| PASSAGE | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| John 6: 47 | What do you have to do to have everlasting life? | _____ |
| John 8: 32 | What will set you free? | _____ |
| John 8: 51 | What will keep us from death? | _____ |
| John 14: 6 | What does Jesus say He is? | _____ |
| | What does He not say? | _____ |
| | What is the difference? | _____ |
| John 17: 17 | What makes a change in our lives? | _____ |
| John 18: 37 | Who listens to Jesus? | _____ |

The Lord is making a consistent claim: real, complete truth can ONLY be found in _____. Logically, that means that any other truth has to be false and fake. God's plan of salvation through the blood of Jesus is true and helpful for all people, regardless of their opinions. Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it, or whether we like it, or whether it appeals to us. Truth is truth. It will not change, no matter how much, or sincerely we _____ anything else.

FIRST APPLICATION:

Jesus is the Lifeboat for our souls. Any other "savior" is false, no matter how great the trust placed in it. Of course, many will say that this is just an opinion. Let's look at Scripture and God's way of truth which make Christianity different:

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2. SCRIPTURE SEARCH - THE WAY OF GOD IS GOOD AND BEST

| PASSAGE | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|--------------------|--|---------------|
| Luke 1: 3 | Why were these things written? | _____ |
| Luke 18: 31 | What did Jesus do with prophecies? | _____ |
| John 20: 31 | Why is the Bible written? | _____ |
| Acts 4: 12 | What can save us? | _____ |
| Acts 4: 20 | What is special about God's message? | _____ |
| 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 | What use do Scriptures have? | _____ |
| 2 Timothy 4: 4 | What will happen as the years go by? | _____ |
| Galatians 1: 8, 9 | What should we do with other "truths"? | _____ |

THOUGHT & ILLUSTRATION: - _____, fulfilled prophecies, and _____ all point to Jesus as being unique. Every other religion says man must work his way to God; Christianity says, God has _____ _____ to man. Every other religion maintains we must work off our sins; Christianity says Jesus has carried our sins and sorrows. Those differences have provided a lifeboat of salvation. Listen to your leader's story about how one lady discovered the Truth.

Make a list of people and times when you've heard truth being compromised. How can you take your stand for Truth?

THE WAY OF PRAYER – Dear Lord, give us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything. In Jesus, Who is the truth, we ask it. Amen.