

## Ways We Resist God's Truth

Are You Suppressing the Truth?

Key Passage: Romans 1:18-21

Main Theme: Humanity's primary issue is not ignorance, but the willful suppression of God's revealed truth.

Summary:

- God's truth is clear and evident, yet people actively resist it.
- This suppression is not intellectual but moral and spiritual.
- When people reject truth, God hands them over to deeper blindness.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do people suppress the truth today?
2. Have you ever ignored conviction because it was uncomfortable?
3. What does it mean that people are "without excuse" before God?

What If You're Wrong? (**Confirmation Bias**)

Key Passage: Proverbs 18:17

Main Theme: People tend to seek confirmation for what they already believe rather than humbly pursuing truth.

Summary:

- The first argument always seems right—until it is challenged.
- We often defend our views without honestly evaluating them.
- True wisdom requires humility and a willingness to be corrected by Scripture.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever resisted truth because it challenged your assumptions?
2. How can we develop intellectual humility in studying Scripture?
3. Why do people fear being wrong, and how does this affect their openness to God?

Who's Discipling You? **(Cultural Influence)**

Key Passage: Romans 12:2

Main Theme: Whether we realize it or not, we are being shaped by either the world or God's Word.

Summary:

- The world conforms us to its values unless we intentionally renew our minds.
- Cultural influences subtly disciple us away from biblical truth.
- True transformation comes by saturating our hearts with Scripture.

Discussion Questions:

1. Where do most of your beliefs and values come from—culture or Scripture?
2. How can we ensure that God's truth has a greater influence on us than the world?
3. What are some practical ways to renew our minds daily?

## Session 4: Do You Trust Your Heart or God's Word? (**Emotional Resistance**)

Key Passage: Jeremiah 17:9

Main Theme: Feelings are deceptive, and we must learn to trust God's truth over our emotions.

Summary:

- The heart is deceitful—it leads us astray when we use it as our compass.
- Many people reject truth because it doesn't feel right or is too difficult.
- Faithfulness to God means obeying Him even when it's hard.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever justified sin because it “felt right” at the time?
2. How can we train ourselves to trust Scripture over emotions?
3. What role does faith play when God's commands are difficult to follow?

## Is Truth Optional? (**Postmodern Relativism**)

Key Passage: John 14:6

Main Theme: Jesus is not a way; He is the Way. Truth is absolute, not subjective.

Summary:

- Many in our culture believe truth is flexible, but Scripture teaches absolute truth.
- If we do not submit to truth, we are rejecting Christ Himself.
- The idea that “truth is personal” is an excuse to avoid accountability.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do people resist the idea of absolute truth?
2. How does moral relativism lead to spiritual destruction?
3. What are some ways we can defend biblical truth with both clarity and grace?

Is Ignorance an Excuse? (**Lack of Knowledge**)

Key Passage: Hosea 4:6

Main Theme: A lack of biblical knowledge is not just unfortunate—it is dangerous.

Summary:

- Many Christians are spiritually malnourished because they do not study Scripture.
- The Bible warns that ignorance leads to destruction.
- Every believer has a responsibility to grow in the knowledge of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think biblical ignorance is a bigger issue in today’s church than in past generations?

2. What steps can we take to ensure we know and apply Scripture properly?
3. What dangers arise when people rely on secondhand theology rather than studying the Word for themselves?

### Do You Care More About What Works or What's True? (**Pragmatism Over Truth**)

Key Passage: Matthew 7:24-27

Main Theme: Many choose what is easy or beneficial over what is true and faithful.

Summary:

- The wise man builds his house on the rock (truth), while the foolish man builds on sand (pragmatism).
- Many people choose comfort over obedience.
- True faithfulness means standing firm in truth even when it costs us something.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever chosen what was convenient over what was biblical?
2. Why is long-term faithfulness more important than short-term results?
3. How can we prepare ourselves to stand firm when truth is unpopular?

Do You See Clearly Now? (Review & Call to Action – 2 Corinthians 4:4-6)

Main Theme: After examining the ways we suppress truth, we must now ask: What will we do with what we have learned?

### Summary:

- Spiritual blindness is not just an issue for non-believers—it can affect believers too.
- Each lesson in this series revealed ways we suppress truth.
- The final question is: Will we submit to truth, or will we continue resisting it?

### Call to Action:

1. Repent – Ask God to reveal any suppressed truth in your life.
2. Renew – Commit to seeking truth over comfort and faithfulness over convenience.
3. Respond – Live in the light of truth, proclaiming it boldly and humbly.

### Closing Thoughts: The Journey of Truth

This study is not just about learning—it is about transformation.

- Truth is not an option—it is a command to submit to.
- Truth is not comfortable—it convicts and changes us.
- Truth is not subjective—it is rooted in Christ Himself.

May we never suppress the truth. Instead, may we stand in it, live by it, and proclaim it with unwavering faith.

“Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.” – John 17:17

## **Ways We Resist God's Truth**

Next Steps define:

**(Confirmation Bias)**

**(Cultural Influence)**

**(Emotional Resistance)**

**(Postmodern Relativism)**

**(Lack of Knowledge)**

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