

TRUTH WARS: 500 YEARS AND COUNTING!

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Week 1: The Rogue One

Introduction:

Three Ways This Series Can Impact You:

1. To help you appreciate _____

Theos = God, Logos = logic, study, thinking

2. To help you know what to _____ for

3. To help you know _____ to fight

Scriptural Foundations:

→ Why theology is so important practically...

Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

→ The kinds of things we need to fight for...

Jude 3-4, 1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Timothy 4:2-4

→ The way in which we are to fight...

1 Peter 3:15-16

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. What is your gut-level reaction when you hear the word "theology?" Does the word spark any passion inside of you? Great interest? Mild Interest? Disinterest? Explain why you think this is the case...

Ponderings:

2. Why is embracing accurate thoughts about God so essential to *knowing* Him intimately in relationship? Can you think of how wrong thoughts about God might negatively affect your relationship to the following things? Explain...
 - Your relationship to your family members
 - Your relationship to your friends and neighbors
 - Your relationship to your co-workers/employer/employees
 - Your relationship to money and material possessions
 - Your relationship to your sexuality and sexual expression
 - Your relationship to yourself
3. On the truth pyramid, the categories go in ascending order from mere speculation to essential dogma. How is understanding this helpful in directing you concerning which issues you'll choose to fight for as a follower of Jesus?
4. In the message, it was said that choosing *how* we fight is as important as choosing *what* we fight for. Unfortunately, many of the Reformers did not choose to fight very graciously. Why is Jesus' embodiment of truth AND grace so critical for us to embody as we interact with other believers and an unbelieving world?
5. Read Jude 3-4 as a group. Where would you place each of the following belief statements on the truth pyramid and why?
 - The claim that Jesus Christ is both God and man
 - The issue of sprinkling versus dunking for baptism of believers
 - Using real wine versus grape juice in celebrating Communion
 - Jesus' Second Coming
 - Discussions about the timing of the Rapture
 - Salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone
 - Whether or not the gift of tongues has a place in the church today
 - Whether or not we should celebrate the Easter Bunny or Santa Claus
 - Whether a believer should drink alcohol
 - Whether or not the Bible is our final authority for faith and practice

Promptings:

6. If you have been judging another believer (or group of believers) based on something you've made more significant than it should be, are you willing to confess and renounce that attitude, and if necessary, seek peace with that person or group? Explain what this might look like if you are willing...