



BROKEN SIGNPOSTS

**Sermon-based Guide
for Reflection and Discussion**

Week of November 14

Scripture: John 18:33-38, 14:15-17

Sermon Title: *Broken Signposts: Truth*

Summary:

In a time where absolute truth is met with skepticism, Jesus claims to be truth and to testify to truth. His truth is subversive, it is a truth that comes through his sacrifice rather than the imposition of truth from on high.

In promising the coming of the Spirit to his disciples, Jesus calls the Spirit the “Spirit of truth.” That Spirit of truth will be our advocate, strengthening us to fulfill Jesus’s commands and setting us apart from the world (even as we witness to the world).

Questions:

1. John 18:37-38

Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

Why does Pilate ask Jesus, “What is truth?” Why would the representative of Roman Power feel the need to ask this of someone that was powerless in front of him? What was it about the presence of Jesus that compelled Pilate to ask this question?

2. In your own life, what are your sources of truth? Most of us would quickly say the bible; if you do – why? Then, where else do you look to learn what is true? Is it your news sources? Is it social media? What authority do you give those sources and why?

3. The truth of Jesus is not just a propositional or doctrinal truth, it is a truth that is lived out. Our beliefs and our actions are congruent. If you believe this to be “true,” what are the characteristics of the “lived-out truth” that represents the way of Jesus?