

Truth or Tragedy

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I. Why is Truth Important?

A. Truth has _____.

Hosea 4:6 - "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"

B. Truth is a _____ for our lives

John 8:32 - "You shall know the *truth* and the truth shall set you set you free"

C. _____ is not enough

II. What is Truth?

A. The Correspondence Theory of Truth: "A statement is true if it _____ with reality."

III. Two Types of Truth

A. _____ truth:

a. Example: _____

B. _____ truth:

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C. Ice cream or insulin?

a. _____ Coke tastes better than Pepsi

b. _____ Coke has less calories than regular Coke

c. _____ George Washington was the first president of the U.S.

d. _____ Hawaii is the most beautiful vacation spot on earth

e. _____ Action movies are more enjoyable than romances

f. _____ Sean McDowell can bench press 300 lbs.

g. _____ Earth is the center of the solar system

h. _____ Abortion is wrong

i. _____ Jesus was a Jewish carpenter

j. _____Jesus died on the cross in A.D. 30

k. _____Jesus has risen from the grave

IV. **Objections to Truth**

1. "There is no truth":

2. "But doesn't truth change?":

3. "That's true for you, but not true for me":

4. "Sincerity is more important than truth":

5. "Isn't it arrogant to think you are right?":

6. "All religions are true":

RECOMMENDED READING: Sean McDowell, *Ethix: Being Bold in a Whatever World* (Broadman Holman, 2006).