

To Tell The Truth
64 Days of Truth, Day 64: Doctrinology
Discussion Guide

1. What is the definition of "doctrinology?"

"the belief that the doctrines of the Bible are crucial to the health of every church."

2. In the sermon it was said "*People live by what they **truly** believe, not by what they **say** they believe.*" Discuss what that means, and give examples.

If what you claim to believe does not show up in the way you live, you don't believe it in the sense of genuine faith; it's only intellectual. Examples are abundant, such as claiming to believe in the attributes of God, but wallowing in worry; Claiming to believe that church is important, but not committing to it. Make your group think of others.

3. Does doctrine divide, or does it unite? Explain.

Doctrine divides, because it separates truth from error and it separates people loyal to God's truth from those who reject it. Doctrine unites in the truest sense, because the true unity of the body of Christ is wrought by the Holy Spirit, and is anchored in sound doctrine (Ephesians 4:1-6). "Unity" at the expense of truth is not the unity of the Spirit.

4. There are many things we like (or maybe dislike!) about church. But looking beyond our friendships, what are our "marching orders" from God? Include the Scriptures used in the message. Do you know others that reinforce the same ideas?

Preach the word (2 Timothy 4:1-2); speak, rebuke, and exhort with all authority (Titus 2:15); be the pillar and support of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Others: 1 Timothy 1:3—stop people who teach strange doctrines. Jude 3—false teachers creep in unnoticed. "There are two kinds of people in the church—pillars and caterpillars. Pillars support the church; caterpillars just crawl in and crawl out."

5. What are "healthy joints" in the body of Christ? What's the Scripture reference?

Connections between people which allow the body to function smoothly and without pain. Ephesians 4:16.

6. Review the memory verses from all nine weeks.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Catechism on God, Philippians 2:10-11, Galatians 5:16, 22-23, Genesis 1:27 & Romans 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 12:4-5, Hebrews 1:14, 1 John 3:2-3, 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

7. Please do Jim a favor . . . Discuss as a group what you liked about 64 Days of Truth. Include comments on what you think could be better about it, things you thought didn't help, and things you would like to see added to it. Make a list, and give it to Jim.

Speak the truth in love!

Your Hope

64 Days of Truth, Days 57-63: Eschatology

Discussion Guide

1. What is the definition of "eschatology?"

The doctrine of "last things." Comes from the Greek adjective *eschatos*, meaning "last."

2. What key passage was used in the sermon as the starting point for understanding Bible prophecy? To whom is it addressed? Have all the things predicted happened? (If you haven't already, you will study this passage more thoroughly in your devotions this week.)

Daniel 9:24-27. Addressed to Israel through the prophet Daniel during the Babylonian captivity. Everything through Christ's first coming has happened, but not the rest. Unless this portion of the Bible is not true, it will happen just as described.

3. What two passages most clearly describe the rapture? According to them, what will happen?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52. Every living believer at that moment will be instantly changed into a glorified body (without dying) and will be taken to be with the Lord forever.

4. Put these events in proper sequence on the time line below. Don't worry about it being to scale for the number of years between events; just put the events into the proper order by writing the numbers below the letters in the correct sequence.

1 Christ Born	2 Exodus	3 Abraham	4 Flood	5 Rapture
6 Millennium	7 Adam's Fall	8 Heaven or Hell for All	9 Captives Return	10 Christ Ascends
11 Creation	12 Final Judgment	13 Captivity	14 Church Age	15 Second Coming
16 King David	17 Tribulation	18 Holy Spirit Comes	19 Tower of Babel	20 Law of Moses

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