



Truth doesn't take polls. Truth doesn't care how one votes. Truth doesn't change—like it or not. In this series we will look at how the never-changing gospel can change the way we deal with reality.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Truth doesn't check the latest polls, doesn't ask what's the latest fad or most popular view, or conform to what's politically correct. Truth is stubborn, like it or not. Followers of Jesus believe that Jesus is the truth, that he is full of grace and truth, and he is the ultimate reality through whom we interpret and respond to all of reality. What are some things that are acceptable in our culture that don't line up with the truth of God's word? Why do you think people so easily embrace a worldview that is contradictory to God's truth?

2 YOU HAVE an expiration date. The Bible reminds us, *"Each person is destined to die once..."* (**Hebrews 9:27**). Facing this truth should cause us to ask, *"What happens after we die?"* How do some people in our culture respond to that question? How do those ideas compare to what Christians believe happens to believers after they die?

3 The empty tomb gives us great hope, but it should also cause us to ask another question: *"So how should I live before I die?"* **Read Psalm 90:12.** What does it mean to number your days? Is that easy or difficult for you to do? Explain.

4 YOU SHOULD... Enjoy each day as a gift from God. Read Psalm 118:24. We can't choose to live as long as we want, but we can choose to live as much as we want while we are alive. What does that look like practically and how has it been working for you lately? What is one step you can

take today to intentionally enjoy each day as a gift from God?

5 YOU SHOULD... Love all you can while you can. Jesus taught that the most important thing to learn from the Bible is this: love God, love people. He also taught that you cannot do one unless you do the other. Why is that true and how has that been a challenge for you recently? **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.** What are you currently focusing on that doesn't really matter? If you could instantly change one thing about how you are living in this area, what would it be?

6 YOU SHOULD... Invest in the eternal. Read Matthew 6:19-20. Why is heaven a better place to invest than earth? Rick reminded us of two parables in which the main characters ignored this truth (**Luke 12:16-21 and 16:19-31**). What did these men do wrong and what is the key point we can learn from these parables? What is one way you can make an investment in the eternal today?

7 YOU HAVE... a resurrection date. Earlier we noted that *"Each person is destined to die once..."* We all have an expiration date. That verse concludes with this warning, *"...and after that comes judgment"* (**Hebrews 9:27**). How would it change the way we live if we kept in mind the fact that we will all be judged? What difference does being "in Christ" have on your resurrection date (now and then)?

