



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 Jesus said life would be hard! In **John 16:33**, Jesus put it like this, **“Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows”** (NLT). How have you recently experienced this to be true in your life?

2 Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Jesus was tempted in every way like us. Have you ever thought about Jesus's temptations meaning he understands the difficulties of your life? How does knowing this motivate you to turn to him when hard times arise?

3 Life has held true to that promise (that life would be hard). Chris shared the stories of four ladies within our church. Did anything from their story resonate with you? Did you gain hope from anything they said on the video?

4 Perspective is vital to our struggle. How can hearing others' stories put your suffering into perspective? Share an example of a time you learned something you need to know from someone else's struggle.

5 Read James 1:2-3 and Romans 5:3-4. In your own experience, how have you seen God take your trials and turn them into something positive? How did this experience grow your faith?

6 Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. In spite of dire circumstances, Habakkuk praised God. List out the difficulties you are facing right now. In spite of these, how can you proclaim **“Yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my circumstances!”**?

7 God has held true to His promise. Chris began by reminding us from the first part of **John 16:33** that Jesus said **“Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows...”** But he didn't leave us there. He closed by reminding us of the last part of that verse as Jesus said, **“...But take heart, because I have overcome the world!”** End your group by sharing your favorite promises of God from scripture. If needed, refer to **Matthew 28:20, Revelation 21:3-4, Romans 8:28, Romans 8:35-37.**

