

BEING CHRISTIAN IN A HOSTILE WORLD

Live Not By Lies

2 Peter 3:1-3

1. When the foundations are shaken, look higher.
2. When everyone is following the party line, tell and live the truth.

Application:

- Prioritize prayer
- Know the Truth
- Tell the Truth
- Suffer loss for the Truth
- Love your “enemies”

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Do you sense an antagonism with the culture toward Christianity and objective truth? Have you personally experienced some pushback from speaking up about your beliefs?
2. Read Psalm 11. What is the antagonist saying to David about his hope in the world (vs. 1b-3)? How does David counter his argument (vs. 4-7)? Do you tend to look at the condition of the world or at the position of God when you encounter frustration or hardship?
3. If you consider your information intake (news, media, music, entertainment, friends, etc.), how is your perspective being shaped? Compare that to the amount of truth you are consuming from your Bible study, prayers, sermons/teachings, worship, fellowship, etc. Which is taking the priority in the amount of time invested?
4. Why is it so important to God, your soul, and the world for you to live and tell the truth, and to do it in love regardless if it costs you? Where will you start?

MEMORY VERSE

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.

Psalm 11:3-4