

The Attributes of God – Truthfulness**I. God (Yahweh) is the One True God**

- He is the creator, maker and sustainer of the universe.
- Discuss who is NOT God...
- What does God's Word say:
 - ✓ Jeremiah 10:10 (Read 1-9 as you have time)
 - ✓ Isaiah 46:9
 - ✓ 1 Kings 8:60

II. God is Truthful

- He is the living, eternal and all wise God, who knows all things as they are.
 - ✓ Isaiah 40:12-13
- God Reveals His Truthfulness Through...
 - ❖ His Word
 - ✓ 2 Samuel 7:28
 - ✓ Psalm 119:160
 - ✓ John 17:17
 - ❖ His Son
 - ✓ John 1:14
 - ✓ John 1:17
 - ✓ John 8:31-32
 - ✓ John 14:6
 - ❖ His Holy Spirit
 - ✓ John 16:13-14

III. God is Faithful – Because He is the one true God and all of His words are truthful; therefore, He is entirely dependable and steadfast.

- ✓ Deuteronomy 7:9
- ✓ Hebrews 10:23

IV. Do we believe this?

- Do you know God and His TRUTH, abiding in Him, reading, meditating, memorizing and LIVING His Word?
- Are you thriving or floundering?
 - ✓ 1 Peter 5:8
 - ✓ Ephesians 6:14-17

V. Let's look at some lies of Satan's and apply God's truth to it!

- Lie 1: Jesus' friendship is not enough—
 - ❖ Where is our security?
 - ❖ Truths to focus on: Heb 12:2; Matt 28:20, John 15:4, Col 3:2
- Lie 2: I am worthless, insignificant, don't measure up. Need to just "believe in myself."
 - ❖ My identity is Christ – always point to Him
 - ❖ Truths to focus on: Gen 1:27; Col 3:12, Eph 2:8-9; Jesus' truth to disciples: Matt 16:17; Matt 19:27-29, John 17:6, Luke 9:54-55.
- Lie 3: If I FEEL it, it must be true. I simply can't help how I react when these feelings take over.
 - ❖ God's truth brings peace, not turmoil.
 - ❖ Truths to focus on: Eph 3:20; Isaiah 41:10; Eph 6:4; Phil 4:4-7

Discussion:

1. Read verses listed below. What specific attributes of God's truthfulness does each verse highlight?

Numbers 23:19 _____

Psalm 33:4 _____

Psalm 119:160 _____

2. John 8:31-32 promises that abiding in God's Word leads to knowing the truth, and the truth will set us free.

- a) What does it mean to abide in God's Word?
- b) How do you abide in God's Word?
- c) How has the truth set you free?

3. What do you need to change in your daily walk with the Lord, or your thinking, to go from surviving to thriving?

4. If we don't stay grounded in God's Word, we quickly can be deceived by Satan's smooth talk! In the talk, I mentioned in Lie 3, that we just need to believe in ourselves. What truths do the following verses reveal about that

2 Corinthians 3:5 _____

Matthew 16:24 _____

John 11:25-26 _____

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 _____

Galatians 2:20 _____

5. The Bible links obedience and truth in 1 John 3:18-20. How does "walking in the truth" go beyond just having knowledge to impacting our daily actions and lifestyle – can it cause us to thrive?

6. In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to fully rely on God's promises as absolute truth, and why?

7. Pray for each other this week, based upon the answer to No. 6.