

Tik-Tology

Leader Conversation Guide – Tik-Tology

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt started a brand-new series, Tik-Tology. Over the next several weeks we are going to unravel the truth! Pop-Culture is working overtime to reshape Theology. Unfortunately, social media today is more than just information and likes. The algorithms are meant to get you to shop here, buy that, believe this, align with them. And we align with one person, Jesus. Theology - “thoughts about God”. Too many of us have a social media view of truth rather than a biblical view of truth. PC presented to us 3 things truth is not, and 4 thoughts about what truth is. **3 things truth is not.** 1) **Truth is not relative.** To say there is no absolute truth is an absolute statement! We live in absolutes. You don’t want your pharmacist to act in relativity. “Here is your prescription, take between 1 & 70, whatever you feel.” 2) **Truth is not popular.** Just because it went viral doesn’t make it valid. 3) **Truth is not what we feel.** Have you ever heard the phrase, “That’s my truth”? If you’re not the source of truth, you can’t own it. You can have an opinion or a perspective.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer

Make it Practical: 4 thoughts about what truth is.

- **Truth is a Person.** Read John 1:1-3, John 1:14, John 14:6. It’s not a concept. When it comes to my marriage, money, body, and identity, what does Jesus say? In John 14 Jesus says I AM the way, the TRUTH, and the life.
- **Truth is Freedom.** Read John 8:31-32. Some people view the Bible to be outdated. Absolutely not! The One who created you knows how you need to live.
- **Truth is Foundational.** Read Matthew 7:24 (MSG). If you build anything you know that if the foundation is weak, the structure won’t last. So, why would we build our life on anything other than the truth? Is the Bible reliable? YES! (Recommended Book resource: The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell)
- **Truth is Revealed.** Read John 5:39-40, 1 Peter 1:24-25, 2 Tim 3:16-17. The revealed Word of God is in our hands. The Bible is the infallible tried and true, living Word of God! And His Truth’s will never be changed!

Talk About It

- Do you submit to the Bible as the truth in your life? What does it look like for you to “love” God’s Word?
- What are some ways that culture tries to sneak in and change your theology or way of thinking?
- Think of a time culture and media has tried to shift *your* biblical or moral view of something. How did you respond? Did you allow the media to sway your opinion, or did you stick to the truth?

**"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me."**

John 14:6 NIV

Prayer

Father, thank You for giving us Your Word so that we can learn about You and live by Your truth. Give us a hunger for Your truth like never before! Give us courage to stand on Your Word when others challenge it. And help us “hide Your Word in our hearts” so that we can live it out every day. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Leader Tip

PC gave us a challenge as we use social media and online ways of communication. Test the messages and content you’re receiving and see if they line up with Scripture. Before you post, ask yourself “Is this true?” and “Is this helpful?”. Just because you can make a point, doesn’t mean you can make a difference. Challenge your Group members to do the same.