Truth-Seekers (Jeremiah 29:13)

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INTRODUCTION

- Ever since the beginning of time, everybody always wants truth. But we need to be diligently seeking it in order to obtain it.
- If we follow these three methods, we're diligent, constantly abiding his word, and seeking with all of our heart, that we can, we're capable of obtaining truth, even though we may be fallible human beings.
- The error that they will continually have, no matter how much they are diligent in seeking truth, is that they're not attributing the source of truth to God.

1 Engage Ideas

2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 4:1–5

- The first way and the best way is through Bible study. 2 Timothy 2 15, we all know says, study to show yourself approved unto God.
- Going to the word daily, yes, daily and studying it, is going to put biblical ideas in our head.
- For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions.
- The second way we need to engage ideas after Bible study, once we've buffed it ourselves, is through conversation.
- We just need to keep our minds moving and continually taking new ideas and holding up to the standard that we hold to be true.

2 Don't Be Afraid of Being Wrong

1 Corinthians 3:18–21; Acts 9; Acts 18

- Don't be afraid of being wrong. Now, as humans, that's way easier said than done.
- If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in his age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God.
- The ideas of men are something we never want to lean on unless they're in accordance with God's word.
- Paul, obviously, in Acts 9, he thought he was doing what was right. He was shown a more perfect way.
- We need to start adopting good strategies for dealing with how we're wrong from a small level and then start working our way up.
- When truth is presented to me someday in a way that I haven't seen it, I would hope that I accept that, and that I go forward with the truth.

3 Develop a Yearning for Truth

John 4:24; John 8:31–32; Proverbs 30:5

- God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.
- If we are not worshiping in truth, our worship is useless.
- If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
- This truth is what is going to set us free of our sins.
- Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
- The final linchpin, the final hurdle, is attributing the source of all truth to God.

THE CHALLENGE

As Christians, that can't be us. We have to continually engage ideas. We have to engage other people. We have to look at new things. We can't be afraid of being wrong.

MY NOTES