

# Faith > Fear

## “Belt of Truth”

Week of June 14, 2020

### Personal Reflection & Group Discussion Guide

1. “Truth” in our modern-day culture is subjective (based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions). In contrast, biblical truth is not subjective. As a Christian, how do you define truth? How do you personally live this out day-to-day?
2. Biblical truth is based on relationship; encapsulated by love, kindness, mercy and justice; and is attached to character and behavior. What do you think this means?
3. In contrast to item #2 above, in today’s world, we have made truth convenient:
  - We have compartmentalized truth from God
  - We have compartmentalized truth from behavior
  - We have compartmentalized the gospelIn what ways do you agree or disagree with the above three statements?
4. Truth should first be applied to ourselves. Read the questions and the accompanying verses below aloud, and then discuss your answers with your Connect Group (or write the answers down, if you are using this Study Guide in your personal devotional time).
  - How do I act when injustice has been done to me?  
Matthew 5:38-42
  - How do I respond when I see injustice done to another?  
Ephesians 4:26; 1 Corinthians 13:7
  - How do I act in truth in an honest dispute? Philippians 2:3;  
Ephesians 5:19-20
  - What do I do when I fail in being truthful? Luke 19:8-10
5. Once we apply truth to ourselves, we are then in a better position to see others more clearly. Do you agree with this statement? What is the reason you do agree? If yes or no, what are your reasons for the answer?
6. In Ephesians 6:14, the belt of truth is placed around the waist. What is the reason you think this specific body parts is significant?

### Main Idea

***Biblical truth is initiated by God; based on relationship; encapsulated by love, kindness, mercy and justice; and is attached to character and behavior.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:

Ephesians 6:14

### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thu: \_\_\_\_\_

Fri: \_\_\_\_\_

Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.*

