

## Hot Topics

### 1. What is Truth?

**Table purpose statement** (Share at the start or before the Discovery section):

*This group exists for the purpose of discipleship. A disciple is someone who loves and obeys Jesus. (John 14:15) That means our focus is hearing from God and taking steps of faith. Our goal is to multiply another healthy Table. One day, some of you will lead a group like this!*

#### **Table Talk** (⅓ of meeting)

- What is something you once believed to be true that you now know is not true?
- What are you thankful for? What's stressing you out?
- Where is God at work in your life?
- Spend time praising God by taking turns praying as you are led, "thank you God for \_\_\_\_\_."

#### **Discussion Guidelines:**

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying. (This keeps everyone on the same page)
3. Share from your perspective – we won't argue or give advice.
4. Give everyone time to respond. Silence is OK.
5. The facilitator will facilitate discussion, not teach.

#### **Discover** what God is saying to you. (⅓ of meeting)

*Big Idea: Truth isn't something we invent; it's Someone we encounter.*

#### **Invite someone to pray before reading John 18:28-40**

- What is your first thought after reading this passage?
- Jesus' accusers didn't go inside because they believed it would defile them, yet they were plotting an execution. What were they missing?
- In his answers to Pilate, what does Jesus reveal about himself?
- How does recognizing Jesus as the truth challenge the idea that everyone has their own truth?
- Where are you most tempted to make truth fit what you want rather than what God wants?
- Share an area where living in truth has brought God's freedom.

#### **Go do it.** (⅓ of meeting)

- Ask God to show you any area of your life where you need to experience freedom.
- What is one step you can take toward that freedom? (Make an "I will" statement)
- End with a time of prayer for one another.