

SESSION 13
GOD IS ABSOLUTE TRUTH (A)
Lesson Plan



RECOMMENDED READING
 Chapter 14 “God Is Absolute Truth”

INTRODUCTION (5 MINUTES)

We are studying the character of God because it is essential that we have an accurate understanding of who He is. Everything about our lives—our attitudes, motives, desires, actions, and even our words—is determined and influenced by our view of God. No convictions in life are more important to victorious living than what we believe to be true about our great Creator, perfect Judge, and gracious Savior. In this session we’re going to be examining the principle that God is absolute truth.

- ?** Do you think truthfulness is valued in our society?
- ?** How do you think most people in our society determine whether or not something is true?
- ?** In the midst of changing social standards, is there such a thing as absolute truth?

Our God is absolute truth. He is the standard for all truth. Before we listen to Dr. Bright’s insights about the truthfulness of God, let’s ask the Holy Spirit to teach us about this attribute.

Lead the group in prayer.

VIDEO TEACHING SEGMENT: GOD IS ABSOLUTE TRUTH (17 MINUTES)

The cue graphic on the videotape is “Lesson 7” (the video segments are divided by attributes).

The Video Outline for this session is found on page 38 in your Study Guide. Follow along as we turn our attention to Dr. Bright’s teaching on God’s attribute of absolute truth.

GROUP DISCUSSION (22 MINUTES)

- ?** What new insights did you gain from today’s session?
- ?** Why do you think people are often uncomfortable with the truth of God’s Word?
- ?** What is your reaction to Dr. Bright’s assertion, “We must be willing to live our lives according to His truth”?
- ?** Which freedom statement from point 5 on your outline is most meaningful to you?
- ?** What obstacles keep you from trusting God’s truth?
- ?** Psalm 86:11 says, “Teach me Your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to Your truth.” How do you think this applies to your life?

CLOSING PRAYER (1 MINUTE)

Lead the group in a closing prayer.

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Video Outline



1. God always tells the truth.
(Hebrews 6:18; Numbers 23:19)

2. God wants us to know the truth.
 - God recorded truth for us in the Bible. (John 17:17)
 - God manifested truth to us in the person of Jesus Christ. (John 18:37; John 14:6)
 - God guides us into truth through the working of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16,17)

3. God's truth is ultimate reality.
(1 John 4:5; Proverbs 12:19)

4. God's truth exposes deception and ignorance.
(Ephesians 4:17,18)

5. God's truth sets us free.
(John 8:31,32)
 - We are set free from death and eternal damnation. (John 10:28)
 - We are set free from bondage to sin and guilt. (Romans 6:22)
 - We are set free from self-centeredness. (Matthew 16:24,25)
 - We are set free from bondage to fear. (Romans 8:15)
 - We are set free from a life of mediocrity and insignificance. (Jeremiah 29:11)

*Because God is absolute truth,
I will believe what He says and live accordingly.*

RECOMMENDED READING
GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 14 "God Is Absolute Truth"

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RECOMMENDED READING
Chapter 15 “God’s Truth Sets Us Free”

You will need a CD player and the “GOD: Musical Reflections of His Character” CD to begin this session.

REVIEW (10 MINUTES)

Begin by having your group prayerfully listen, with eyes closed, to “God is Absolute Truth” on the Musical Reflections CD. Then have conversational prayer.

- ❑ Did anyone have the opportunity to do any of the recommended reading related to our study of God as absolute truth? What additional insights did you gain from the book?
- ❑ What thoughts, experiences, or convictions have you had since our last meeting relative to this topic of truth?

BIBLE STUDY (17 MINUTES)

Let’s turn to page 39 in your Study Guide. During the next several minutes we will look at several Bible passages about truth.

VIDEO ILLUSTRATION SEGMENT:
THE LIES OF SOCIETY (10 MINUTES)

LIFE APPLICATION (7 MINUTES)

- ❑ Dr. Bright identified six common lies of society:
 1. Money is the key to happiness.
 2. Think of yourself first.
 3. You have a right to satisfy your sexual appetites and passion in whatever way you choose.
 4. It’s okay to sin a little!

5. You have a right to get even.
6. Character doesn’t matter—the end justifies the means.

Which one of these lies is most enticing to you?

- ❑ Turn to the Life Application steps in your Study Guide, and let’s discuss the question in the “Count on God” section at the top of page 42.

What are some of the things with which you have difficulty trusting God?

Read the verses together that are included in this section.

- ❑ It’s only by knowing God’s truth that we can identify the lies we encounter. What changes do you need to make in your schedule to allow yourself more time to be saturated with God’s truth?

CLOSING PRAYER (1 MINUTE)

Lead the group in a closing prayer.

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Bible Study**1. Lies always have consequences.**

Read 2 Kings 5:9,14–27.

- a. Why do you think Elisha did not want to receive any payment from Naaman?
- b. What motivated Gehazi to lie?
- c. What price did Gehazi pay for his sin?
- d. Are you ever motivated to color the truth? What tempts you to lie?
- e. What are the consequences of your lies?

2. Lies cannot deceive our all-knowing, ever-present God.

Read Acts 5:1–11.

- a. Ananias and Sapphira lied to Peter. Why did Peter say they lied to the Holy Spirit?
- b. What other sin does their lying about property reveal?
- c. Why do you believe God punished Ananias and Sapphira so severely for what they did?
- d. Have you ever lied to God? What happened?

3. Lies will never result in happiness and contentment.

Read Matthew 26:69–75.

- a. What emotions or attitudes could have prompted Peter to lie about his relationship with Jesus?
- b. What was the result of his lying?
- c. Have you experienced the same emotions Peter must have felt? What did you do? What was the outcome?

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Life Application



WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART

Memorize the following statement and verses. When you encounter lies and the temptation to lie this week, claim these as promises from our God of truth.

- Because God is absolute truth, I will believe what He says and live accordingly.
- John 18:37—“I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”
- John 8:31,32 (NIV)—“If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

EXALT YOUR GOD

The Bible states in Hebrews 6:18, “It is impossible for God to lie.” Praise your heavenly Father that He is truth. Thank Him that in this world of half-truths and “double speak,” His Word can always be trusted.

REFLECT HIS IMAGE

Jesus stated, “I am the truth.” Are you known as a truthful person whose word can be trusted? In God’s eyes, there are no such things as “fibs” or “white lies.” Our God of truth wants His children to be reflections of His character.

List ways you can become a “truth-teller” today.

Life Application (continued)

COUNT ON GOD

God's Word can always be trusted because He never lies. What are some of the things with which you have difficulty trusting God?

Claim a promise from one of the following verses and commit your concerns to God today.

- Romans 8:28—"God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them."
- Philippians 1:6—"I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again."
- 1 John 1:9—"If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong."

OBEY GOD

Is there something in the last few weeks that you have been untruthful about?

First John 1:6 says, "If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth" (NIV). Confess your untruthfulness to the Lord and tell the truth to the one you misled. Then determine to always speak the truth.

SHARE HIS MAJESTY

Tell someone today that absolute truth exists, and that God is that truth. Point this person to the Bible as the standard for all truth.

RECOMMENDED READING

GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 15 "God's Truth Sets Us Free"

If you would like to download the entire GOD: Discover His Character Bible Study (which covers all the attributes) for free. You'll find it by visiting our Resources section:

<http://DiscoverGod.com/resources>

