



What is Truth?

By Brandon Rohrbacher

The question above is one that has been asked over and over again throughout the span of human history. Some of the most well-known thinkers among us have wrestled to understand truth. What is truth? How can we recognize truth when we find it? Is there even such a thing as truth? This question of truth was a question that Pontius Pilate confronted the Lord Jesus with during His trial (John 18:38). Pilate was confused about Jesus' previous words where He had stated that the purpose for His birth was to "bear witness to the truth (John 18:37)." He also said, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice. (v. 37)"

This idea of truth was recently rattling around the head of one of the male residents in our Genesis Recovery Program. He approached me after I had finished giving the morning devotional and said,

"You spoke about truth this morning," He said. "Yes," I said. "I sure did." "I keep hearing people talk about truth," he continued, "We talked about it in class the other day. They talked about it at church on Sunday. I just keep hearing

people talk about truth." He then gave a chuckle and said, "I think God might be trying to tell me something."

I responded with a chuckle of my own, "It sounds like it."

Truth is particularly important in recovery from addiction. Many of our residents have conditioned themselves to fabricate the truth. A lifestyle of addiction has forced them to hide who they really are from friends, relatives, and society. Experience has taught me that many people struggling with addiction actually find it much easier to avoid the truth than to face it. In fact, it can be considered a milestone in recovery for a person to tell the truth in a situation where avoiding it was an option. Furthermore, we still have hope for an individual who relapses as long as they tell the truth. Being willing to face the truth about the decisions they've made and the lifestyle they've lived is a crucial step towards a new life.

The new life we offer to our residents each and every day is made possible only by Jesus Christ. We preach Jesus to our residents, we speak about Jesus with our residents, and we pray to Jesus on behalf of our residents. Jesus is the One who gives new life. Jesus is also the path to the truth that our residents need. In fact, He is Truth Incarnate (John

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1191 Nights Lodging
10 Men In Program
14 Women In Program
3 Families

3 Children
15 Crossroads Men and Women
115 Items of Clothing Given Away
10 Household Items



DIRECTOR'S CORNER



*George E. Batten
Executive Director*

We are taking applications for the Lions' Christmas Party so if you know someone who is struggling to provide Christmas for their children have them call us to arrange a time to come in and apply. We are limited to 100 children. If you know a Lions member, thank them for 75 years of faithful service to the children of this count.

It is with a very grateful heart that I thank God for His blessings this year. Undoubtedly it has had its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows, but at every juncture we have seen God at work.

We have seen God supply every need, we have seen Him touch many lives, and we have seen Him produce goodness in spite of heartache.

Great is His faithfulness.

Our thanksgiving produces an expectation of God continuing what He has started. Our 80 years of existence is coming to a close but it ushers in year 81. No wonder the Psalmist penned "I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed

begging for bread." Ecclesiastes 11:1 declares "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Union Mission has been blessed and because of the nature of this ministry we have found bread after many days.

Our hearts have been blessed. It is not the conclusion of ministry but the beginning of continued ministry to the homeless, hungry, hurting, and hopeless. At Union Mission there is shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, healing for the hurting, and opportunity for the hopeless. What cannot be found elsewhere - is found in Jesus Christ.

Ministry begins in the heart, it comes from the heart, and it reaches the heart. Sin, homelessness, bondage, addiction, is all heart problems. When the love of God touches the broken heart healing ensues. God leaves nothing the same but transforms for eternity.

Thank you for the 80 years of ministry your support. That support promises a brighter tomorrow for the residents of Union Mission of Fairmont. God Bless!

Remember, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matt 25:40

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14:6). Truth is crucial to recovery from addiction and Jesus is that truth. He tells our residents the truth about themselves. He tells our residents the truth about God's love for them.

Many of our residents, like the one mentioned in this story, come to Union Mission searching for and struggling to understand truth. As a staff, our prayer and intention is to point them toward The Truth. We do this because we believe, as Jesus told His disciples, that the truth will set them free (John 8:32). We do this because the Truth is a person who has come to save them from their sins.

NIP Credits

If you are interested in NIP credits call 304-363-0300. Please **do not send any checks** until you have spoken to Pastor George. Credits are limited.

Thanksgiving Meals



Stuffing in the Making

We are planning to serve approximately 800 Thanksgiving meals on Thanksgiving Day. The menu is turkey, potato, beans, rolls, and pumpkin pie.

We can use your help in accomplishing this task. You can help serve the meals, deliver the meals, or help us with a generous donation.

This is a community effort, one we have accomplished for many years because of you! Call us at 304-363-0300 to participate. Thank you!



Pie Team!

COMING EVENTS: November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Dinner
 December 16, 2017 Lions' Christmas Party
 December 25, 2017 Christmas Dinner

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