

NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church
Propaganda- week 1
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Main Idea: What we believe will determine how we behave. Therefore, we need to know THE TRUTH, and be able to recognize the Enemy's lies and propaganda in our lives.

Icebreaker: What you believe to be true determines how you handle money and relationships, how you behave morally, and how you live spiritually. Can you tell of a time when you believed something to be true and acted accordingly only to find out later that it wasn't true? (Allow group members to share their experiences.)

Study:

Satan is the Father of Lies. He has two ideologies that he uses to deceive us in our culture today. Discuss these two topics in your group and what they mean to us in today's culture.

1. **Relativism:** doctrine that claims knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and **there are no absolute truths**. What is right for you may not be right for me within my context.
 - a. What examples do you see of relativism around you?
2. **Subjectivism:** doctrine that I, the subject, have the right to determine what is right or wrong without submitting my judgment to any authority outside myself. **Since truth is based on what I'm feeling, I am the source of truth.** (Subjectivism is closely related to and flows out of relativism. For example, someone can only fall prey to subjectivism once they've first agreed with relativism that there is no absolute truth.)
 - a. What examples of subjectivism do you see around you?

Application:

We must have a standard of truth. What is Truth?

1. Truth is not just a what, but it is a Who. Read John 14:6.
 - a. Why is this important?
 - b. Who in your life doesn't know Jesus and needs you to share about THE TRUTH with them?
2. Jesus, the Truth, can set you free. Read John 8:32.
 - a. What does freedom really mean in this context?
3. Never Stop Fighting for the Truth. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.
 - a. What does it practically look like for you personally to lovingly, graciously "demolish arguments ("propaganda")... that set themselves up against the knowledge of God"?

Pray:

Pray for each person in your group and their various requests. Pray that we have the wisdom to live by actual Truth in our lives and discern what is propaganda from the enemy. Pray for the people in each of our lives that we need to share the truth of Jesus with.