



Portland Central Nazarene Church - Family Discussion Guide - September 13th 2020

Discernment: What Is True? **Philippians 4:8, John 8:31-32; 17:17**

Sermon Summary

When Paul told us in 1 Thessalonians to cling to that which is good he left us with the question of what is good? We live in a time when the definition of good seems to be pretty relative and subjective. So, how do we discern what is good? Paul gives us a pretty good list in Philippians that can help us narrow it down. The first thing on that list is to think on whatever is true. Truth is good, as long as it is the right truth. We know truth – truth is Jesus. For us to clearly see good we have to first fix our eyes on truth, we have to focus on Jesus and all that He has revealed to us through what He created, His life, His teaching, and His Spirit. Dwelling on that Truth brings us freedom and life transformation!

Sermon Discussion

We are going to use the word PRAY as a guide to discussing what we heard in the sermon today.

- PRAISE** What did you learn about God today? Did you hear anything encouraging?
Take a minute to praise God for who He is and how He encourages you.
- REPENT** Did you feel convicted about any sin? Did God use the sermon to reveal
something in your life that needs to change?
Confess those things together and pray for God to change us.
- ASK** What is one thing you feel like you need to ask God for based on what you heard
in the sermon? Do you need guidance or strength? Do you need to see more
clearly?
Take time to ask God for that thing.
- YES!** What will you say yes to? How will you live out the things you have learned?

Bible Reading – John 8:31-36

Discuss the following questions after you read the Bible story together.

- What did you like the most about the story? Any surprises?
- What questions do you have? What do you not understand?
- Are there any commands in this story we should follow?
- Are there any promises in this story we should remember?
- How will this story help you live for Jesus?

Memory Verse – Memorize this as a family or read it together every day this week.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.