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Verses from Psalm 119 that refer to Blessing and our familiarity with the Word:

- Verse 1
- 2
- 9
- 11
- 98-100
- 105

Augustine said: “the wisdom of what a person says is in direct proportion to their progress in learning the Holy Scriptures”

Here’s a simple definition drawn from what the Bible teaches: *Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God.* Even more to the point: *Truth is the self-expression of God.* That is the biblical meaning of truth. Because the definition of truth flows from God, truth is *theological*.

Truth is also *ontological*—which is a fancy way of saying it is the way things really are. Reality is what it is because God declared it so and made it so. Therefore God is the author, source, determiner, governor, arbiter, ultimate standard, and final judge of all truth.

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Home Group Questions:

- 1) Read Acts 17:1-15 together.
- 2) How does it change your life if the definition of Truth from the notes is valid?
Essentially, if Truth comes from God, so what? What affect will that have on you?
- 3) Are you confident that you might be able to prove from the Scriptures that Jesus is Messiah? How would you describe your current familiarity with the Bible?
- 4) When you go to the Bible, what do you read it to find?
- 5) Discuss a way that your home group can keep each other accountable in this area. Maybe share your Bible reading plans, or come up with something as a group, or decide to memorize some Scripture each time you meet for a little while.
- 6) Feel free to talk about the God who "turned the world upside down" or anything else that may have stood out to you this week.