



WHAT YOU BELIEVE MATTERS
THE MEASURE OF TRUTH IS NOT
YOUR SINCERITY, IT'S WHETHER
OR NOT WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS
TRUE.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

"THE CONTENT OF
YOUR FAITH MATTERS
SO MUCH THAT IT
IS ONE OF SATAN'S
MAJOR TARGETS."

DEREK NEIDER

I know you've heard people say, "It's not what you believe that matters, it's whether or not you sincerely believe it." That statement makes sincerity the measure of truth. But I've known people who were sincere, but sincerely wrong.

The greatest 20th century example of that took place in Germany where millions sincerely and even fanatically believed the lies of a crazed lunatic claiming to lead his people into a glorious Third Reich. It was in fact one of the most despotic anti-Semitic regimes in human history. Those people were sincere but they were deceived. The surest way to avoid deception is to base your beliefs upon the Word of God, allowing the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. Consistency in this regard is what will produce a confidence in your faith, knowing that when you see the Lord you will not be ashamed.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share about how important God's truth is to you. Pray that God would continue to give you a hunger for His Word and that the Holy Spirit would give you understanding.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **Deception is a very real danger for all people including Christians. How can you guard yourself from being deceived?**
- **The purpose of leadership gifts in the church is to build God's people up in His truth so they're equipped for the work of the ministry. Discuss how God's Word is central to your church experience.**
- **How has a leader impacted you through God's Word?**

"PREACH THE WORD! BE READY IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON. CONVINCe, REBUKE, EXHORT, WITH ALL LONGSUFFERING AND TEACHING. 3 FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE, BUT ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN DESIRES, BECAUSE THEY HAVE ITCHING EARS, THEY WILL HEAP UP FOR THEMSELVES TEACHERS; AND THEY WILL TURN THEIR EARS AWAY FROM THE TRUTH, AND BE TURNED ASIDE TO FABLES."

2 TIMOTHY 4:2-4

"CONSISTENCY IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS WILL MAKE YOU CONFIDENT AT HIS APPEARING."

DEREK NEIDER

- **Pastor Derek talked about being a Berean when it comes to the Bible. What did he mean? How can you be more like the believers in Berea?**

"THESE WERE MORE FAIR-MINDED THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA, IN THAT THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS, AND SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY TO FIND OUT WHETHER THESE THINGS WERE SO. 12 THEREFORE MANY OF THEM BELIEVED."

ACTS 7:11-12

- **The word abide means to remain in the same place over a long period of time. Or in other words, to be consistent. How can consistency in your relationship with Jesus make you confident at His appearing?**



REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you apply what you've learned to pursue the truth of God's Word more diligently?

Be consistent in your Bible reading and prayer time this week. Expect God to reveal Himself to you.

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God used you to bring light into someone's life.

