

Truth is a Process

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Look

Learning is fundamental part of living. We learn to walk, to speak, to read. As we get older we learn more and more things, building like a tower upon previous learnings. However there's a big divide between learning facts, and learning truths.

1. What is the difference between fact and truth?
2. What is a recent example of a truth that you learned?
3. Describe the process of learning that truth. How was it different from learning facts?

Book

John 16:12-15

This passage comes in the middle of Jesus talking to the disciples before his betrayal and arrest. He speaks more plainly than ever before, and yet it is still hard for the disciples to take in. Here we get an interesting glimpse into into the process of truth.

1. What do you think Jesus means by "you cannot bear them now"? (v12)
2. How does our hindsight make it challenging to appreciate the disciples confusion at the truth that Jesus speaks of?
3. Even from our vantage point long after this event, what part of this passage is confusing to you?

Took

Discovering the truth is a process that requires engagement on our parts. Mistakes and bad decisions will happen, and are a part of being human. How we respond to them is an important faith act.

1. Why is it important to still honor ourselves when we make bad decisions?
2. How does gathering with others to discuss challenges and mistakes help in discerning the truth?
3. What can you do this week to be more engaged in the process of truth?