

Young Adult Sabbath School

Chestatee SDA

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Session 1



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Introduction - Setting the Table

⌚ Through approximately 20 minutes

Discussion Questions

≡ ○ How do **you know** (you personally) that

the Gospel story is true? How do you know that the Bible is reliable? Or do you have good questions about that.

- ≡ ○ What are your thoughts about multi generational Adventists **vs** new converts.. which one are you?
- ≡ ○ How can **your** testimony be *powerful evidence* to the truth of the Gospel?
- ≡ ○ Do you have a 5 minute sharing of your conversion (or coming to faith) ready when the opportunity comes?
- ≡ ○ Pilot asked Jesus a profound question in John 18.35-38. How do you personally define **truth**? See Jn 17.17, Ps 119.105, Jn 14.6
- ≡ ○ The SDA church has many **doctrines** not shared by other denominations. How do you know they are true?
- ≡ ○ What are your thoughts about the following statement written by Ellen

White in 1904?

As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting, and to put in their place spurious theories. He will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God. {1SM 201.2}

The Table of Truth

 Through 20 min mark to the end

- ≡ ○ We all have a **table of truth**. Name some things that are on yours..
- ≡ ○ Are our tables supposed to be exactly the same? Or is there room in our church for differences.
- ≡ ○ How important are our published **Fundamental Beliefs** to you? Have you ever studied them in depth.

- ≡ ○ Asscherick is *not* saying that our numerous doctrines and beliefs are not important, only that they need to be understood in the right *context*. What is that context as you understand it?
- ≡ ○ What is his **basic reasoning** for clearing the table of truth? See Matt 28.18-20, Acts 8.35, 1 Cor 2.2. There is something compelling about getting back to the core, to the center.
- ≡ ○ Read John 5.37-40. Particularly vs 39 is a profound, foundational statement. What is it?
- ≡ ○ **Read 2 Corinthians 3.13-15.** Where is the modern day application or meaning for Seventh-day Adventists today?
- ≡ ○ Read this **EGW** quote. Is she in agreement with what he is saying?

"The sacrifice of Christ as an atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths cluster. In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the Word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, must be studied in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary. I present before you the great, grand monument of mercy and regeneration, salvation and redemption - the Son of God uplifted on the cross"

Gospel Workers, p. 315

≡ ○ What was the **takeaway** from session 1 for you?