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FOUNDATIONS: Week 1 : TRUTH

Mark 7:1-8 // 1.29.12 //

[the setup]

What book (other than the Bible) has had a big impact on your life?

What are some struggles you have had in the past (or may even have today) in believing that the Bible is true?

What parts of the Bible have had an impact on your life?

[digging deeper]

Read Mark 7:1-8. Share some of what you know about the religious ritual role-keeping of the Pharisees. Why did Jesus rebuke the Pharisees so sharply? (See Matthew 22:29).

Read Matthew 5:17-19. How does the attitude of Jesus toward the Old Testament impact you? a) encouraged, b) challenged, c) questioning, d) doubting, e) other. Please explain.

Read Matthew 5:35, Mark 13:31, and Luke 21:33. Note that all three gospels record the words in almost precisely the same form. What might be the significance of these words as they relate to the gospels?



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Read John 14:26 and John 16:13-14. How do these verses speak to the trustworthiness of the New Testament epistles?

Why is it important that the Bible be the basis for our beliefs? (See II Timothy 3:16-17).

Will the Bible definitely answer every question we bring to it? Why or why not?

[living it out]

How does the trust Jesus had in the Bible impact your trust in the Bible?

The truth to take home was: Believe more like Jesus believed to love more like Jesus loved. How would you explain the connection between our beliefs and our actions?

Jesus didn't see the Bible as a rule-book but as a story about God and His invitation to join Him in His mission to restore all things. How can this change the way you will read the Bible in the future?