

Session #2: Truth or Tradition
(Hearing God)

Much of What We Have (handed down to us) Didn't Come from God – Jo 7:16; Ga 1:11-17

- We have a lot of religious information that cannot lead to spiritual transformation – Ps 119:102

Tradition

Handed down by voice of man (rel. education)
– Matt 6:1

Dethrones, rejects Truth of God – Mk 7:13

“I believe that”

(blindness, captivity, heaviness, hunger)

Truth

Freely given by voice of God – 1 Jo 2:27

Enthrones, embraces God/Truth – Jo 8:31-32

“I believe You”

(sight, freedom, liveliness, satisfaction)

- The burden of proof is on the “hearer” – Mk 13:5; 1 Jo 4:1-6; 1 Tim 2:4
...“take care how you hear/listen” – Lk 8:18

Attuned to the Voice of Truth Himself – Ps 119:102; Ro 10:17

- Abide expectantly – Ex 33:11/Jo 15:15; Deut 8:3/Matt 4:4; Lk 12:28-30; Gen 28:16; 1 Sam 3:10; Is 40:31
- Believe we have ears to hear – Matt 11:15; Jo 8:47; 10:4-7; 18:37; Heb 8:11
- Choose to listen – Heb 2:1; Micah 7:7-8; Lk 24:29; Ps 81
- Dare to believe God is always loving us – 1 Jo 4:8,19; Jo 17:23; Deut 6:24
- Engage with a single mind/heart – Matt 6:22-23; Acts 2:36; Ja 4:3
- Freely intend to be used by God for His purposes – Is 6:8; 11 Cor 12:15; Lk 1:38

An Example: (John 2:1-10)

- “Whatever” – a non-selective readiness to trust and obey before we hear – Ps 46:10
- “He says to you” – an attentive simplicity, singleness
- “Do it” – revelation/confirmation rarely for spectators