

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

**TRUTH**

**GOODNESS**

**BEAUTY**



# Truth—Goodness—Beauty

- And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right and pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.-Philippians 4:8
- I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life—John 14:6
- And you must love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.-Mark 12:30



# TRUTH

- Truth connects with the mind or reason.
- What most accurately describes the universe as I see it?



# Truth--Society

- Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?—Genesis 3:1
- Relativism/pluralism
  - “all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.-Judges 17:9
- Truth is unknowable
  - John 18:37-38
- But we operate as though truth is objective
  - The truth will set you free!



# Gospel Truth

- Jesus was no relativist
  - John 1
  - Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.-John 8:12
- Nor pluralist
  - I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.-John 14:6



# How do we live?

- Confidently—1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Freely—John 8:32
- Thoughtfully
- Publicly
- Humbly
  - Proverbs 30:12-13
  - Titus 3:2



# Six questions for interacting with humility

- Is it possible I am wrong?
- Am I more interested in being right than loving?
- Have I considered that I may not know all of the relevant details of the idea or person I am criticizing?
- Would I say the same thing if I were face to face with someone?
- How well does my response align with Titus 3:2?
- Is it possible I am wrong?

