

THE TRUTH COMMISSION

HAS ANYTHING LIKE THIS EVER HAPPENED?

Sermon Questions

1. Do you like studying history? (Yes/No)
2. What is unique about God speaking to his people compared to other “gods” in the ancient world?
 - i. God’s voice came from a visible fire that covered the mountain.
 - ii. All the people heard his voice.
 - iii. The people (including the ordinary people) survived the encounter.
3. The event of the exodus is unique in the ancient world. (Yes/No)
4. The entire Christian religion rises or falls based on the historical fact of _____.
5. Islam rises or falls based on the trustworthiness of _____.
6. Mormonism rises or falls based on the trustworthiness of _____.
7. God’s truthfulness was vindicated in rescuing a nation out of Egypt just as his truthfulness was vindicated in building his church out of many _____.
8. List at least two historical facts in the early centuries of the church that demonstrate God’s truthfulness:

9. The truth commission should have one conclusion: _____.
10. Christianity is not just historical, it is _____.
11. Put the following in the correct sequence (indicate using numbers 1 to 5):
 - _____ Obedience
 - _____ Historical Inquiry
 - _____ Theological Treasure: I treasure this One God.
 - _____ Personal Inquiry
 - _____ Theological Conclusion: There is One God.

Discussion Questions

1. Moses tells Israel to “ask... from one end of heaven to the other” if anything like Sinai or the Exodus has ever happened. When you honestly look at world history and other religions, what stands out to you as uniquely verifiable and public about what God did for Israel and, even more, about the resurrection of Jesus?
2. The text moved from “any people... a nation” (vv. 33–34) to “you... you... you” (vv. 36–38). Can you point to a moment (or moments) when God’s voice in Scripture, the glory of Christ, or the reality of your own deliverance from sin became personal rather than just historical or theoretical? What difference did it make?
3. Verse 40 ties obedience and multi-generational blessing to first “knowing and laying to heart” that the Lord alone is God. Think about an area of obedience that feels hard right now (holiness, speech, money, relationships, parenting, etc.). How might a deeper grasp of what God has uniquely done in history and in your own life fuel fresh motivation and strength to obey in that area?
4. God promises that obedience flowing from heartfelt faith will bring blessing “for you and for your children after you” (v. 40). What practical steps can we take—as individuals, families, or as a church—to help the next generation inquire into God’s mighty acts, treasure him as the only God, and walk in his ways?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. Moses told God’s people to look everywhere in history and ask, “Has any god ever done anything as amazing as what God did at the burning mountain or when he rescued his people from Egypt?” What are some of the amazing things you heard today that ONLY the real God can do?
2. Because God is the only real God who does the biggest, most loving things, he wants us to love and obey him with our whole lives. What is one way this week you can show Jesus that you love him and want to obey him?