

Sermon Notes

Life Action Redux/Warm Up #2: "Honesty"

John 18:33-38

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1. Let's begin with this: there are some questions in this world that have _____ than _____ right answer.
 - a. I don't mean matters of Christian _____, such as, "Is it OK to drink _____?"
 - b. Or matters of _____, like, "What would be the _____ to use for our study of honesty?"
 - i. For, while each of those has more than one _____ answer, they have no right answer, because they have no _____ answer. They are all _____.
 - c. I mean, rather, to refer to questions where the answer to a question has multiple _____ to it, like, "Why was Jesus born – why did he come into the _____?"
 - i. In these, there are multiple answers that are all _____ and non-_____.
 - a. To _____ the world. (John 3:17)
 - b. To seek and save the _____. (Luke 19:10)
 - c. To _____ the good news of the kingdom. (Luke 4:43)
 - d. To _____ a man against his father. (Matthew 10:35)
 - e. To give his life as a _____ for many. (Mark 10:45)
 - f. To bear witness to the _____. (John 18:37)
 - ii. Each of them expresses a certain _____ of the _____ answer.
 - iii. All of them are _____ for a full answer – a full _____ of the truth.
 - a. To _____ any one of the right answers is to hold a _____ answer.
2. We begin here, because of the way in which _____ answer here to why he was born into the world is a bit _____ than the answer we might give.
 - a. And because his answer here, along with greatly helping us to better understand the concept of _____, is going to present us with a significant _____.

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3. The first way that Jesus' explanation of why he was born into the world helps us understand the concept of honesty is that it provides nothing less than a _____ of it.
 - a. We know instinctively that honesty has some connection to the _____, but what connection?
 - i. Honesty _____ to the truth.
 - ii. _____ acknowledges and _____ to the truth.
 - b. This, of course, is critically important to our embrace of the gospel, both for our _____ and our _____.
 - i. Bearing witness to _____.
 - ii. Bearing witness to Christ's _____ for sin.
 - iii. Being people who speak _____.
4. But, this answer of why Jesus came into the world helps us understand honesty in _____ too.
 - a. The _____ of our honesty.
 - i. It is noteworthy that Jesus said, "_____ truth," and not, "_____ truth." (vs. 37)

- ii. Likewise, it is those who are of (on the _____ of) _____ truth who listen to him.
 - iii. This reminds us that truth is a _____.
 - iv. And the catechism reminds us that the _____ is what we must embrace. (HC, LD 7, Q&A 21)
 - a. The scope of our honesty is _____.
 - 1. _____ God reveals in his word.
 - b. The scope of our honesty is _____.
 - 1. A knowledge and _____.
 - i. This assumes that what he reveals is _____ to this level.
 - b. The _____ for our honesty.
 - i. The nature of the _____ battle is that it is a battle between _____ and _____.
 - ii. This _____ began with, is fueled by, and characterized by, lies. (John 8:31-47)
 - a. _____ either of the truth or of the lies.
 - iii. To _____ with God against the lie is to _____ with him in the truth.
 - a. And as Christ was _____, so are we. (John 17:14-19, Matt. 28:18-20, II Cor. 4:1-2)
 - c. The _____ of our honesty.
 - i. The single _____ that Jesus stood before Pilate was his _____.
 - ii. It was Christ's honesty that foisted the _____ upon his _____, and it is our honesty that will do the same for us. (John 15:18-21)
 - d. The _____ of our honesty.
 - i. We _____ all those who are _____ God _____ God. (vs. 37)
 - ii. We enjoy and spread the blessings of _____. (John 8:31-32, James 1:22-25)
 - iii. Why would any Christian resist _____ and bearing witness to the _____ of God?
5. We end with this: there are some questions in this world that have _____ than _____ right answer.
- a. What it means for us to be _____ is one of those questions.
 - i. We must _____ the truth.
 - ii. We must _____ the truth.
 - iii. We must _____ to the truth of God in _____ his word reveals.
 - b. If we do not _____ honesty in all of these ways, we do not embrace _____.