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We've all asked this question before.

Maybe it was when you were deciding on a next step, a new destination, or a new course of trajectory in life. You're asking this question right now because you've

recently encountered the faith community of Tahoe Church. Maybe you've never been part of a church before. Perhaps it's been years since you set foot in a church. Or maybe

you're just new to the area. We're all at unique places on our journey of faith. No matter where you find yourself today, we're excited to connect with you!



Every single person who's ever been created has an inherent thirst and longing for what's **true**.



Every person on our planet is on a journey.

And every journey leads to a destination. The fundamental dilemma we all will face is this—am I journeying toward the correct goal? Some of us may believe wealth or position are desirable

destinations. Others may prioritize satisfaction and relationships. I would suggest we are all on the same quest for truth. I believe every single person who has ever been

created has an inherent thirst and longing for what is true.

When truth is finally discovered—*everything* else is then seen for what it truly is; All through the lens of truth. (John 8:32)



Let me give you
an example...

**Without truth, a person
could wander through
their entire life never
truly understanding
who they are and how
to live.**



Let's say I'm at the hospital.

The staff are sticking me with needles and hooking me up to all kinds of wires and beeping machines. Now at face value, if I had no clue what a hospital was, or who all of these people were, I might

come to the conclusion they were causing me discomfort, pain and even harm. Yet if I know the truth— that I'm actually sick, and in need of medical care, I would be able to view all that's happening

through a lens of truth. Then I would gladly receive all of the needles and machines with a grateful heart.

Do you see how truth affects how we see ourselves, others and everything in our world?



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us all and it's just
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breath to meet you!**



The journey of discovering truth is—

not just a path for intellectuals
or the spiritually curious.
It's actually the very reason
every single human exists.
And here's the beautiful thing
about truth—

It actually wants to be
discovered! (Acts 17:24-31)
It's not a far-off treasure only
to be uncovered by a chosen
few. Truth is accessible to us all
and it's just waiting with bated
breath to meet you!

Truth absolutely loves questions— the bigger, deeper and more audacious the **better!**

Have you ever been asked a question that would expose a lie you wanted to keep hidden? How did you respond? Did you feel embarrassed? Did you make up a false answer? Did you change the subject?

Lies and fallacies want to stay concealed. They manipulate and hide in isolation and darkness in hopes of never being discovered. Questions are their greatest fear.

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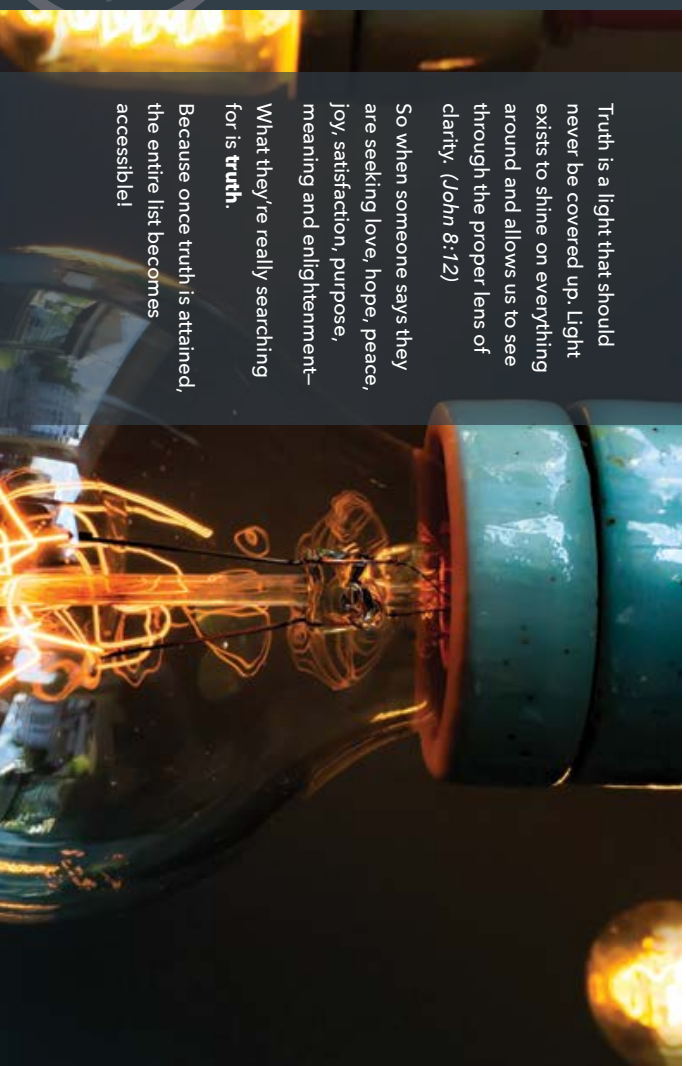


Truth is a light that should never be covered up. Light exists to shine on everything around and allows us to see through the proper lens of clarity. (John 8:12)

So when someone says they are seeking love, hope, peace, joy, satisfaction, purpose, meaning and enlightenment—

What they're really searching for is **truth**.

Because once truth is attained, the entire list becomes accessible!



So, what is truth? Truth is God. God is Truth.



**Without truth we can't
experience the deepest level of love.**

Without truth we won't be able to know the depth of hope. Without truth we can't find the path to peace.

Without truth, joy, satisfaction, and purpose, meaning and enlightenment are simply destinations we'll never find. Truth is the only compass that will ever lead us to where we all desire to go.

So what is truth?
(John 18:37-38)

We've already described the value and the absolute need for truth. We must now define what it is. Truth is God. God is truth.

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It's that simple.

If we keep the question that basic, we are faced with the next two questions:

Is there a God?

We all deep down know the answer to this is **yes**.

Over 90% of the world's population believe there is some form of God. Nearly all credible scientists agree something caused the big bang.

Now we just need to narrow it down to which God!



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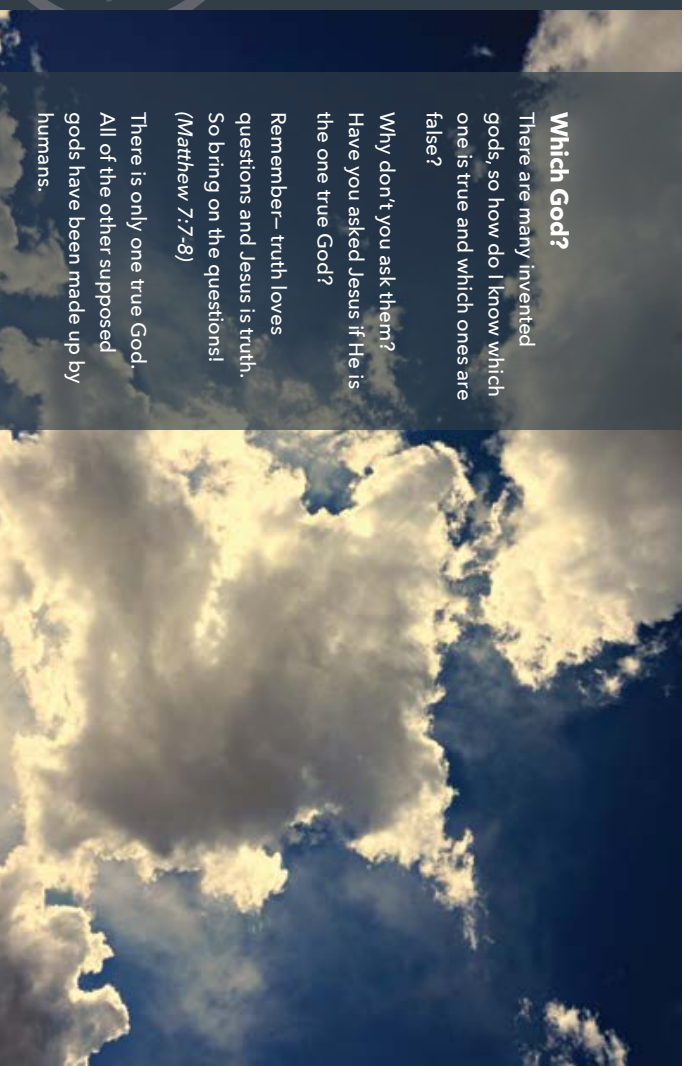
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Why don't you ask them?
Have you asked Jesus if He is the one true God?

Remember— truth loves questions and Jesus is truth. So bring on the questions!
(Matthew 7:7-8)

There is only one true God. All of the other supposed gods have been made up by humans.



Now you must decide for yourself which one is actually **real**.



**All throughout the history of human existence
people have been inventing fake gods.**

Some have done this with genuine good intentions attempting to explain their biggest questions. Others have created fake gods to control and manipulate others.

Regardless of the original reason, we now have countless names, writings, temples, churches, rituals and religions for the sake of these false made-up gods. Now you must decide for yourself which one is actually real.

Because when you do, you will encounter truth and once you attain truth you can find all of these: joy, satisfaction, purpose, meaning and enlightenment.
So which God is it?
Which is the real one?

God the Father created us. Jesus the Son saved us. The Holy Spirit lives within us.



33 million gods.

Just in the belief system of Hinduism alone there are approximately 33 million gods! So how do we know which god, out of all of the gods who have ever been named, is the one true God?

Let me describe Him for you: He is the God who created the cosmos. He is the God who created every atom, cell and organism on our planet. He is the God who breathes a soul into every human. He is the God who rules over every dimension there is.

He is the God who chooses to reveal Himself to us in three distinct ways.
Father - God of Creation
Jesus - God of Salvation
Holy Spirit - God of Indwelling
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Now you begin the journey of truth.



Every person who professes to follow any god must choose to **believe** in that god.

At Tahoe Church we hold the belief, faith and conviction that Jesus is the one true God. (Hebrews 1:1,6)

Now that we have decided which God is the real one, now what?

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Jesus is not interested in religion. Jesus is interested in relationships.



Begin by asking Him questions, talking to Him and listening— that's called **prayer**.

Read about Him and learn from Him— that's why we study the Bible.

Join a community that is seeking His truth— that is the purpose of the Church.

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Jesus is interested in relationships. Relationship is God's intention.



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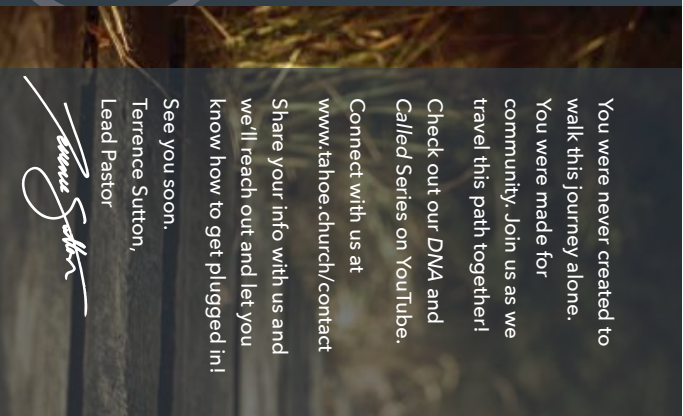
You will begin to see the world and everything around you in a whole new light!
(1 John 1:5-7)

When we are in relationship with God we finally receive forgiveness, joy, satisfaction, purpose, meaning and enlightenment.

God is truth and in Him we receive the purpose and meaning for our lives.



You were made for community. Join us as we travel this path together!



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See you soon.

Terrence Sutton,
Lead Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terrence Sutton".

A night photograph of a rocky shoreline. The sky is dark blue with many stars and light rays emanating from the center. The water is dark, and a few lights are visible on the horizon. The rocks in the foreground are illuminated by a soft light.

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