

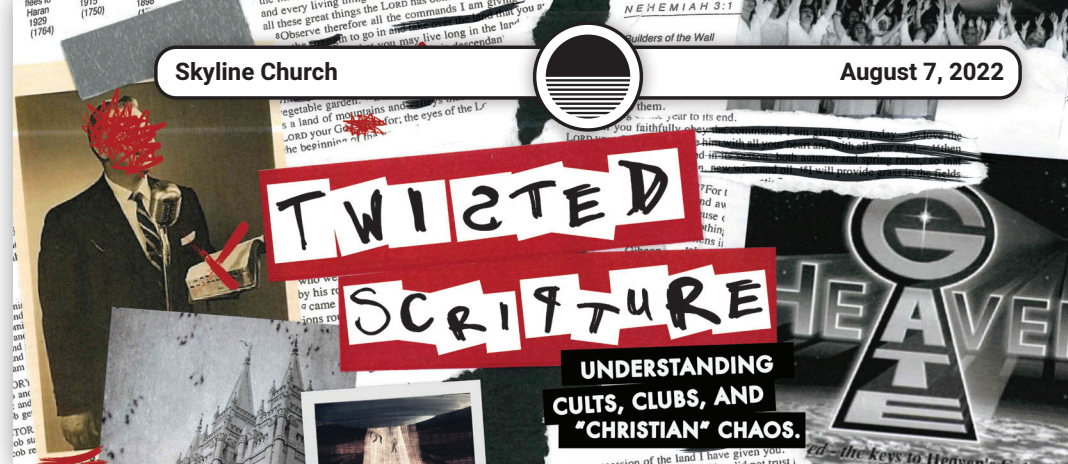
SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why.
- 2 Tell about a time when you were forced to choose between God's way and your way. What did you choose and why?
- 3 Read Ephesians 4:15 - Truth can often be difficult to communicate without hurting people. Have you ever been "hurt" by the truth? What does it mean to you to "speak the truth in love" according to Ephesians 4:15?
- 4 How do you understand the difference between truth that is relative (applies only to certain people) and things that are true for everyone (absolutely truth)? Why is this important?
- 5 Jesus, in John 10, said, "I am have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Why is this statement important? And what do you think it means?
- 6 How is truth and a full life related? What could happen if we separate one from the other?
- 7 How can we be praying for you this week?



Upcoming Events

- 8.07 | Newcomer Meet & Greet
- 8.14 | Fall Small Groups Kickoff & Blood Drive at Lakeside
- 8.21 | Young Adult Ministry Relaunch
- 8.24 | Membership Dinner at Rancho
- 8.31 | Membership Dinner at Lakeside



Jehovah's Witnesses

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A cult is an organized group with **DECEPTIVE** teachings whose purpose is to dominate cult members through psychological **MANIPULATION** and pressure strategies.

*** Deception can only hope to succeed when COMBINED with partial truth.**

I. JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- 1 Are the Jehovah's Witnesses a branch of Christianity? ____.

"Let God's curses fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other way to be saved than the one we told you about; yes, if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed."

GALATIANS 1:8 (LB)

- 2 Believe all "Christians" and churches are ____.
- 3 Believe they are the only _____ Christians.

II. THE BIBLE

1 What do the JW believe about the Bible?

- It is _____ and _____ on many points.

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone."

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (LB)

2 JW'S bible is The _____ Translation.

- A _____ of their own making

3 The _____.

- A _____ prophecy publication
- More _____ than any Bible

III. JESUS

1 Who is Jesus to the Jehovah's Witnesses?

- Jesus is _____

Jesus said, "I and the Father are one."

JOHN 10:30 (NIV)

"Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father...'"

JOHN 14:9 (NIV)

- Jesus was _____ the _____.

2 Is the Jehovah's Witness Jesus the same as the Christian Jesus? _____.

IV. HEAVEN

1 Only _____ make it.

2 You must _____ to be saved from annihilation.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (NIV)

3 There is no _____ in JW theology.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...'"

MATTHEW 25:31-33, 41 (NIV)

V. RULES RULE THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

1. No Birthday Celebrations.

2. No _____.

3. No blood transfusions.

4. Will not _____ the Flag or sing the National Anthem.

5. Will not _____ in the Armed Forces.

6. Will not _____.

7. Attend ____ meetings a week.

8. Door to Door and other duties for at least _____ hours a month.