## Thinking Christian

Scripture | John 18:28-40, Matthew 7:13-14

Ice Breaker

## Going Deeper

1. What is something about yourself that your group might now know? Share a silly or interesting fact with the group.
2. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
3. How do you decide if something is true or not?
4. Read John 18:28-40
5. The setting of this passage is Jesus' trial before Pilate, which ultimately leads to his crucifixion. What does Jesus say his purpose is to Pilate?
6. What does it mean that Jesus came to testify to the truth?
7. Pilates' response is, "what is truth?" How would you answer that question?
8. The question Pilate asks is similar to a statement many people make today, that all truth is relative and there is no absolute truth. What do you think of that idea? Do you see any problems with it?
9. In the message this week, Rob mentioned that the truth is, by its nature, narrow. What do you think of that statement?
10. Read Matthew 7:13-14
11. This statement of Jesus is in the sermon on the mount, a collection of Jesus' teachings about what is expected of people who say they follow him. What do you understand his statement to mean?
12. Why is the way to life narrow?
13. If we do not believe in absolute truth, how do we reconcile that belief with the absolute statements Jesus makes? (Examples include but are not limited to: He says he is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through him (John 14:6). You need to be born again to enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:5). Everyone who acknowledges him before people, he will acknowledge before the Father, and everyone who denies him he will deny (Matthe 10:32-33).
14. Can you hold a view of absolute truth and still be non-judgemental? How would that look?
15. In the message this week, Rob encouraged us to see Jesus as the lens through which we view reality. What can we do to help us do that?
