

Truth 1 | History Matters

Knowing what happened in the past helps us understand the present and then act accordingly.

1. What would you do if you woke up tomorrow morning and couldn't remember anything about your past? Really try to imagine having amnesia. How important is your personal history?

2. How would you rate your knowledge of history in general? Of Western civilization? In what ways might a better understanding of the past help you in life?

3. Which sources of historical information appeal you to most? Books? Video documentaries? Biography? Historical fiction? Letters? Other original documents?

Truth 2 | Time to Rewrite?

Revising history and casting doubt on God's Word are old tactics of those who oppose us.

1. What book, textbook, or video documentary do you know about that seems to rewrite a part of history? How best can you alert others to all the misinformation out there?

2. Why do you think the Bible's historical accuracy is always being challenged? Have those attacks in any way diminished your confidence in Scripture? What do we know about the formation of the Bible that should give you great comfort?

Truth 3 | Join in God's Story

Life is not about us but about God's sovereign plan for redeeming mankind. We should remember His past actions and participate in His grand purpose.

1. Whether out loud or in writing, try telling the entire story of the Bible, from beginning to end, in your own words. If you find that too difficult, which parts of "salvation history" do you need to brush up on?

2. How would you rate your knowledge of what God has done through His people in the centuries that followed Jesus' time on earth? How would you like to improve your understanding of church history? How would that be helpful to you?

3. Are we living out mostly our own stories, or are we participating in God's larger story? What might that mean in practical terms? What is He calling us to do?

Wrap-Up

From beginning to end, Dr. Tackett's message in this tour is that "it's not all about you." As Jesus put it, "He who seeks to save his life will lose it." If, instead, life is all about God, we need to know what He has been up to over the millennia.

But according to Os Guinness, "Many Christians have an abominable view of the past"—meaning that they don't grasp the importance of knowing what has gone before. Is this a weakness in your life? Are you living out of context? Few things matter more than becoming part of God's larger story.