



## The Truth Gene

Deuteronomy 8:1-5; Matthew 4:3-4; 2 Peter 1:5-11

**Weekend of September 26-27, 2020**

### NorthRidge Value of the Week

**The Bible** - We value the Bible, as God's word, speaking to us in every situation of life.

**Spiritual Growth** - We value continually growing in our understanding of the Bible and in applying God's principles to our lives.

### Sermon Summary

Why do some people like lima beans? I don't know, must be a genetic defect. Why do some people like sushi? Clearly good breeding. But seriously, when we are born-again, we receive a spiritually genetic disposition for truth. You might say we are given a test for truth. And not just as abstract knowledge, but as the foundation of our lives. This week we discover the truth gene.

### Discussion Questions

What is your favorite piece of useless information that you love to share whenever you have the chance? (come on, get in touch with your inner Cliff Clavin)

If you didn't get to share it last week, is there a particular verse or passage that has sustained you throughout your time of following Him?

### **READ Deuteronomy 8:1-5**

Think of the context in which this passage was given – to the Jews while wondering in the wilderness after escaping Egypt. Does this change the lens in which you view it? Does it seem easier, more difficult, or the same in our current context?

In the sermon, Ben gave a few ways to apply this passage:

1. Let God's Word examine you (v. 2)
2. Let God's Word define you (v. 3)
3. Let God's Word encourage you (v. 4)



#### 4. Let God's Word discipline you (v. 5)

Work through each one of these. Give yourself a rating of 1-10, where 1 is you before Christ and 10 is Jesus Himself (so, really, you're a 9 at best haha). How can you improve this application in order to grow closer to Jesus?

How can the group pray for you to grow in God's Word this week?

#### **Memory Passage**

1 John 4:19 – “We love because he first loved us.”

#### **Verses We Read Together in Worship**

1 John 4:16-18

Ephesians 2:4-5

#### **Songs We Sang Together in Worship**

The Way

What a Beautiful Name

Death Was Arrested

Came to My Rescue