

Grace and Truth

1. Darwin introduced his evolutionary theories in 'the *Origin of the Species*' in 1859. Ten years later Charles Eliot a Darwinist was appointed Principle of Harvard Law School. He along with Christopher Langdell introduced the rule of law, the belief that biblical law was old fashioned and case law was allowed to supersede it. **Discuss how things have changed since then.**
2. Hitler's Germany wiped out 6 million Jews in the Holocaust. This occurred at a time when Germany had the best universities and technology in the world. They believed that they were a master race and as such were entitled to rule the world. These beliefs led to them to believing that they were entitled to wipe out an entire race. **Discuss other situations where the ideas of man contradict the ways of God**
3. **Romans 1:20-21** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened...v25 they exchanged the truth of God for the lie. **Do you agree that humankind instinctively know in their hearts that there is a God?**
4. Jesus told a story about a Pharisee and a tax collector (Luke 18:10-14) The truth that this Pharisee knew put a distance between him and the tax collector. **Are we also guilty of sometimes looking down on people who believe differently to us? Give examples. Do we sometimes elevate our doctrine over love and over our relationship with people?**
5. **Matt 5:25** tells us "*God sends rain on the just and the unjust*". *The wisest of men suffer loss & fools sometime succeed!* **Do you agree? How does this fit with prosperity teaching?**
6. "Jesus gave most of his attention to the sick, the poor, and the powerless. He was soft on the sinners and tough on the religious. He always attempted to draw people to Himself , but he never manipulated them or forced them" **Discuss**
7. There has been a growing mistrust of the church in society over the past decades. **Why is the church often viewed as irrelevant by modern society?**
8. It's not what we say - but what we do that makes a difference. Our world is desperate for a message of truth, but it will only accept it when it sees love in our lives, love in our eyes and in our hearts. If we live the message - then we can speak the truth. **Do you agree? Give some examples of how this sometimes does and doesn't happen.**
9. How are you perceived in your workplace? Are non-believers drawn to you in the way that they were to Jesus. How can people in your workplace know that you care about them? Pray for each other.