Sermon Discussion Questions, March 28, 2010, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine,
"Committed to Truth in a Postmodern World" Selected Scriptures

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "Truth"? How do most Americans respond to someone who says they believe in absolute truth?

2. Describe the belief system in America before 1960 and after 1960? What advancing theories in the world of science and philosophy undermined the American belief system?

3. **** Postmodernism is a mindset that rejects all absolutes, all certainties, all foundational truths, and all worldviews.*** Based on this definition, why is it so hard today to arrive at truth? What is the difference between "truth" and "Truth"?

   ****A metanarrative is a grand story that helps people make sense out of life.*** Based on this definition, how do you think a postmodernist views the Bible? How do you think they would view anything that is written?

   ****A tribe is defined as a social group.*** How do truth and tribe co-exist? How would an individual's tribe affect their definition of truth? Think about your social group, how is your tribe shaping your definition of truth? How are you shaping theirs?

4. If you want to follow Christ, how should you define Truth? How did Jesus and the rest of the biblical authors define Truth?

   John 14:6 John 18:37

   John 16:13 Ephesians 4:21

5. How does the world try to squeeze us into its mold in regard to truth? What would you say truth and reality have in common? Discuss this practically and biblically.

6. How would you answer these objections to Truth?

   a. "Well, if the truth is narrow, then by nature, it must be wrong."

   b. "If someone is sincere, they must be right."

   c. "If I believe something, it makes it truth."

7. How do we as Christians embrace Truth and live skillfully in a postmodern world? What should we <u>not</u> do? What should we do? Look at Bible examples in Daniel 1-7, Genesis 41 and I Corinthians 9:19-23 for more insight.

8. Who do you know that needs to be set free by the true "Truth"? What steps will you take to learn how to weave your story with the metanarrative of the Bible? How will you express Truth in a gracious way this week?