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SERIES	Some heroes look better from a distance. Others – including a leader, a prime minister, a martyr, a boy, a bold woman and a man who lost everything – look better up close and personal. But no matter how you look at them, they’ve left epic legacies for us to examine as we create legacies of our own.

As Pastor Smith concludes this Ten Epic Legacies we have an encounter with the ultimate legacy of all: Jesus. He is the Truth. He loves us so much that teaches us the power of love, humility, sacrifice, family, friendship and determination by the victorious and powerful example of the cross. Let us take a closer look and find a possible application or improvement thereof.

1. Please take a moment to discuss around the group: Who is the Truth? How do you share the Truth with others?
2. Pastor Smith mentioned 6 possible ways that we can be like Jesus:

Love - “Going out of your way” (*John 4:5-42*)

Humility - “Putting someone else’s needs ahead of mine” (*Luke 10:25-27*)

Sacrifice - “Intentionally giving something up for someone else” (*Philippians 2:5-8*)

Family - “Being available to those closest to us” (*John 2:1-11*)

Friendship - “Being a person of influence” (*John 15:15-17*)

Determination - “Choosing to walk away from sin” (*Matthew 4:1-11*)

Choose one of these and then consider

a) How would you define the word you choose?

b) How can you apply that in your life?

c) Are there other words you can think of that would also describe Jesus and who He was?

3. Here are some additional Bible verses about truth, to read and pray/meditate. Can you think of any other Bible verses related to Truth?

a. Psalm 15:1-2

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous,
who speaks the **truth** from their heart;

b. 1 John 3:18

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in **truth**.

c. John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the **truth**, and **the truth will set you free.**"

4. Exclusivity of Jesus amongst all religions, based on Truth

Mohammed said, "I am a prophet of the truth." He claimed to teach truth, but he was not "the truth." Even Buddha said at the end of his life, "I am still searching for the truth." The Hindu scriptures say truth is illusive, but many leaders say that they're teaching the truth or they point to the truth or they're a prophet of truth.

Only Jesus says, "I'm it. I AM the TRUTH."

5. How have your friendships influenced your determination and enthusiasm for life?

6. How do you welcome/include others into your circle of influence?

7. Have you ever been inconvenienced by a family member's request and in hindsight seen how God blessed you in meeting their needs?

8. Do you want to be like Jesus?

What holds you back or what seems to hinder you from being like Jesus?

In conclusion, Jesus died for our sins. He gave us victory by His grace and mercy; thus, it is not because of our actions or because we deserved it. Brothers and Sisters, He loves us so much that he left a priceless legacy. Pastor Smith left us with a simple yet profound question: **What would it mean for you to walk in Truth today?**