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What is Truth?

Truth about truth:

1. Religious Beliefs ARE dangerous.
2. Relativism is self-refuting.
3. Truth is always narrow.
4. No one really believes in relativism.
5. Jesus made absolute truth claims.

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. You can access the message and other resources at occweb.org/sermons/series/sure/

Questions – Talking Points

Mike introduced 5 statements when thinking about truth.

- Which one makes the most sense, the least sense to you? Why?
- How are religious beliefs dangerous?
- Why is relativism self-refuting?
- What is wrong with the statement: “*There is no such thing as absolute truth*”? What do you think of Mike’s argument that the truth is, by its nature, narrow?
- Can you hold to absolute truth and still be non-judgmental? What does that look that?
- Where do you see relativism coming into our culture: politics, education, science, media?
- Take a moment to reflect on your beliefs and life. Where might there be areas that relativism has snuck into your thinking? Spend some time talking about those areas with Jesus.

As Christians, we are called to be ambassadors of Jesus.

- Mike traced some of the background to “*tolerance*” that arose from “*The Peace of Westphalia*”.
- Are there people in your life that you disagree with about truth or what is true?
- What has been your attitude towards them?
- Is winning an argument with them more important than showing love to them? What does this say about your attitude? About how the truth of Jesus has shaped your life: your thinking, your words, your actions?

Next Steps:

Plan on meeting with 2-4 others to talk about these questions.

Any questions that you have that arise from this message plan on sending them to questions@occweb.org

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