



### Key Scriptures:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” ~John 13:34-15

“My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” ~John 18:36-38

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect ~1 Peter 3:15

### Summary:

Is it possible to claim to know any absolute truth in an age in which everything is heading in the direction of relativism? In this message pastor Mike outlines why some people think relativism is plausible, and why it ultimately fails. As followers of Jesus we are called to embrace the truth claim that Jesus is Lord of all. This is the only truth claim that can guarantee peace in a world of differences.

### Reflection Questions:

- What are three reasons to take relativism seriously?  
Do you know anyone who has thought these things?
- What are the three reasons why relativism does not work?  
How would you explain this to someone who buys into relativism?
- What is the bottom line truth of the Christian faith?
- How does this impact the way we live in a violent world?
- What stood out to you from this sermon?  
How has relativism impacted your life?
- Why is relativism an attractive perspective for many?  
Why should we try to understand where such a person is coming from instead of just trying to convince them that they are wrong?
- What are some of the problems with relativism?
- Pastor Mike said “any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate.”  
Agree or disagree? Why or why not?
- How does the truth claim that Jesus is Lord impact the way that we should share this truth?