

Relativism

VIDEO LINK

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=Fr0R6dIYES0

Please see the following page for the rest of the content for this session.

RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Truth is From God:

Psalm 86:11;
Psalm 43:3;
Psalm 51:6;
Psalm 111:7;
Psalm 119:142, 151;
Ephesians 4:21;
John 1:17;
John 14:6

We Can Know Truth:

Psalm 15:1-2;
Psalm 86:11;
John 8:32;
John 16:13;
2 Timothy 2:25;
Ephesians 4:25

**RELATED CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:**

Truth is from God:
214-217; 2465-2466

TRUTH?

SYNOPSIS

Fr. Joseph Espaillat explores the pitfalls of relativism and why we are made for better than the “I’m okay/you’re okay” mentality that is plaguing humanity.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

✠ Use this film as the catalyst to deep discussion about what relativism is, why it’s not Catholic, and how to defend Truth in a way that is firm but loving.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What kind of reaction do you have when someone tells you either directly or indirectly that you are wrong?
2. When you know someone is wrong, how do you feel about calling that to their attention?
3. What makes relativism appealing?
4. Is it possible for relativism and Truth to coexist?
5. What is Truth?
6. Why is Truth important? Why do we have to have some non-negotiables in life?
7. Who is the focus when we embrace relativism?
8. Who is the focus when we embrace Truth?
9. Why is that focus important?
10. As a group, explore positive and negative ways to defend Truth.

11. Go through the 10 Commandments one by one.
 - a. Notice the non-negotiable tone.
 - b. Explore what Truths underlie those commandments. For example: Thou shalt not kill.
Truths: Every life has dignity. That dignity is not determined by anything other than the fact that that person exists. We are not in charge of someone else's right to exist. We are not in charge of our own right to exist.
 - c. Use these examples to support the me-centeredness of relativism and the outside-of-me-centeredness of Truth.
 - d. If there is time, explore how inserting a relative attitude into these Truths will make all of it fall apart.

This film packs so many concepts into it's short length. We suggest using a sort of "Lectio Divina" approach. Watch... then discuss... then watch again... then discuss again and so on. Repeat as often as you see fit.

