DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHAT WE BELIEVE? Pastor Don Erickson, EFCA, Great Lakes District March 8, 2020

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5, 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4

John 18:37-38 John 1:14 John 14:6

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PEWS

Do you believe there is such a thing as absolute truth?

Why do you think our culture seems to have abandoned absolute truth?

Does it really matter WHAT we believe? Isn't it enough that we believe in something?

A CULTURE ADRIFT IN A SEA OF OPINIONS 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5

Romans 1:18 Romans 1:25

The culture we are currently living in is doing everything it possibly can to:

1. Suppress the truth - deny its validity *Genesis 3:1*

2. Exchange the truth - replace it with a counterfeit *Genesis 3:4-5*

PRE-MODERISM - THEISM

MODERNISM - RATIONALISM

POST-MODERNISM – RELATIVISM

Judges 21:25

THE NEED FOR ABSOLUTES IN THE FACE OF RELATIVISM

Absolute truths are statements of fact that do not change.

They are truths that apply to all people, in all places. at all times.

2 Timothy 4:1-4

2 Timothy 1:13-14

THE NEED FOR KNOWLEDGE IN A WORLD OF SPECULATION

2 Timothy 2:15

CONCLUSION

God gave us His Word that we would grow in our knowledge of Him and His character.

God gave us His Word that we grow in our knowledge of His eternal plan of redemption through His Son Jesus Christ.

God gave us His Word that we might know His truth and defend it.

What does God want us to do with what we have been Given?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Study it

Embrace it

Live it