

“Mama Bear Apologetics”

Chapter 8

IX. Chapter 8 - The Truth Is, There Is No Truth

Postmodernism: The belief that absolute truth does not exist. “Postmodernists simply do not trust foundations, even sandy ones. In fact the more solid or fundamental a belief, the more skeptical they become. They want to tear such beliefs apart through what is called deconstructionism.” (pgs 134-135)
In their efforts to prevent false ideas from flipping into society, post modernists made it impossible for true ideas to take root.

A. Postmodernism and the University: Even when their questions feel overwhelming, we want our kids to ask us questions. If they stop, it usually means one of the following:

1. They've disengaged completely.
2. They've made up their mind in a direction they know we won't like.
3. They're going to someone or something else with their questions.

B. RECOGNIZE the Message:

1. Deconstructing any “truth claim” to show bias: Truth isn't truth. It's something someone claims is true. Bias.
2. Use “I feel” instead of “I think”: “. . .postmodernists have demanded that all truth statements start this way.” (pg 140)
3. Nobody knows for sure: “. . .we can't trust any one perspective.” (pg 140)
4. You have to figure it out for yourself

C. OFFER Discernment: The one redeeming quality of postmodernism is that it brings diversity to worship.

1. Lie #1: Our Perceptions Determine Reality
2. Lie #2: All Truth Claims Are Power Plays
3. Lie #3: All Truth is Subjective

D. ARGUE for a Healthier Approach: Point out inconsistencies. “Helping our kids to understand the difference between absolute and subjective truths is key to helping them avoid the traps of postmodernism. . . .Jesus's life, death, and resurrection are absolute because they are based on real historical events.” (pg 145)

E. REINFORCE Through Discussion, Discipleship, and Prayer:

1. Find examples in culture
2. Teach your children to recognize these messages
3. Help your little bears see that truth is not a power play, threat or hate crime
4. Discern the difference between objective and subjective truth