

## Postmodernism/Emergent Church FACT SHEET

### *Postmodernism*

- **Rejects that there is absolute truth.** The important thing to remember is that truth is relative to a linguistic community that shares in the same narrative.
- **Rejects the idea that there are universal, transcultural standards, such as laws of logic or inductive inference, for determining whether a belief is true or false.** The important thing to remember is that there is no predefined rationality.
- **Rejects the idea of universals.** This means that they reject the idea of having something be in more than one place at one time (Example: justice, being even, humanness).
- **Rejects any type of Metanarrative.** This means that there is no one absolute worldview that is true for all people everywhere.

### *The Problem With Postmodernism*

The problem with postmodernism most simply is it is self-refuting. Postmodernists claim their own assertions about life, language, and consciousness and so forth are true and rational. They present their truths as absolute, while at the same time denying absolute truth. They claim to have superior understating language and life, and yet do not believe in metanarratives. In these ways and in others they are self-refuting.

This is not an exhaustive analysis of postmodernism; the field of study is vast. This fact sheet, therefore, is a brief discussion outlining the four most important aspects of Postmodernism.

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<sup>1</sup> Craig, W. and Moreland, JP. [Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview](#). Downers Grove: IVP, 2003