

## CONTINUUM OF CERTAINTY AND MYSTERY

How we approach or view life is significant in how we view faith

### **Certainty**

Right and wrong are easily determined  
Clarity is desirable and achievable  
Scripture is easily understood and consistently clear

***Missional invitation*** — Come! We have found the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Christ has shown us how to live; join us, conform your life to this pattern and know that you have found eternal life

### **Mystery**

Life is much larger and more complex than we can determine  
God is much larger and more complex than we can fully understand  
Scripture has one Holy Spirit inspiring many different writers that give us books of the Bible that are in dialogue with one another; discernment is an on-going task

***Missional invitation*** — Come! We are seeking the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Christ is showing us how to live, but we aren't very good at it yet; we are still trying and we invite you to join us; perhaps you can help us see our blind spots and together we can follow more completely

### **How each (in the extreme) sees the other**

Mystery sees Certainty — arrogant, come and join us, become like us  
Certainty sees Mystery — wishy washy, come and be who you want to be

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