

Undistorted

Defining, Developing, and Defending a Biblical Worldview

Individual Follow-Up Take-Home Study

What is worldview?

- ◆ There is a lot of competition for your heart and mind. Every idea has a source (it comes from somewhere) and a consequence (it takes you somewhere) (Deuteronomy 30:11–14; Psalm 1; Proverbs 29:1).
 - ◇ Right ideas have the right source and take you to God's blessing.
 - ◇ Wrong ideas have the wrong source and take you to punishment and hurt.
- ◆ In order to have an undistorted view of reality, you need to understand the assumptions and actions that shape the people in your culture (Psalm 119:97–104; Proverbs 16:25).
- ◆ Everyone needs a filter to help him/her navigate a world that is full of competing ideas. The filter you use is your worldview (Psalm 119:105–112).
- ◆ Everyone has a worldview, but not everyone has the same worldview (Matthew 20:20–28). What's yours?
- ◆ Your worldview is the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual filter through which you experience, understand, and respond to your circumstances.
- ◆ God has provided an undistorted worldview through His Word by communicating basic truths that are fundamental to every aspect of your life (2 Peter 1:3–5).

There is a battle between secular and biblical worldviews.

Which worldview is described—secular or biblical—in each of these passages?

- ◆ Judges 21:25
- ◆ Psalm 78:7–8
- ◆ Psalm 119:9
- ◆ Psalm 139:23–24
- ◆ Proverbs 4:23
- ◆ Mark 12:30
- ◆ Romans 1:21–25
- ◆ Hebrews 5:14

There are 3 basic building blocks of a biblical worldview.

1. Universe is a creation, not an accident (Genesis 1; John 1).
2. I am part of a larger purpose (Romans 8:28–30; Colossians 1:13–20).
3. I am an image-bearer of someone else, not an end unto myself (Ephesians 2:10; 4:24; Colossians 3:10).

Why is a biblical worldview important?

It answers the three most important life questions:

1. Is God real? What is He doing?
2. What is my purpose? Why do I exist?
3. Why is the world broken and how can it be fixed?

What difference does a biblical worldview make in the life of a Christian (Romans 12:1–2)?

1. A biblical worldview sets me apart from the sinful culture of the world.
2. A biblical worldview aids in spiritual transformation.
3. A biblical worldview helps me know how to make decisions that please God.

How can I develop and strengthen a biblical worldview?

- ◆ Review the 7 points on pages 7–8 under “God’s reasoning vs. my reasoning.”

Worldview Choices Make a Difference

Numbers 13-14

Group Project for Follow-up Study

- ◆ The biblical leader has the right focus (Numbers 13:30–33).
 - ◇ The average Christian looks at the present circumstances.

- ◆ The biblical leader has the right friends (Numbers 14:6–10).
 - ◇ The average Christian goes with the crowd.

- ◆ The biblical leader has the right fear (Numbers 14:8–9).
 - ◇ The average Christian fears others more than God.



Don't be average!