

Group-Time Help 2.6.12

Introduction to Worldview...The lengthy text pretty much says it all. I would recommend printing out copies for group members since it is so text driven. Read it as a group.

Discussion Questions

- (1) Simply compile a list. Don't be afraid to turn the question around on them. Where do they go for truth? The point of the question is to draw out where our culture goes for truth and begin to link that to a person's Worldview.
- (2) I don't know why Sire has to phrase it so funny, but it could also be stated like this: We all have a Worldview, so we might as well know what ours is. Then once we do know it, we need to live our lives under it so we aren't hypocritical...or change it! I believe that the unexamined life, Christians not connecting their outlook on life to a Biblical Worldview, is a main reason why one of the 6 characteristics of outsiders describing Christians is "hypocritical". Make sure your group gets into a good discussion of why knowing and understanding the Biblical Worldview could go a long way in removing the "hypocritical" label from the American Christian community.
- (3) "-isms" represent Worldviews. We know about many of them, like Materialism, Communism, Consumerism, etc. Others are more philosophically driven like Nihilism, Postmodernism, Pantheism, etc. But they all represent an outlook on life. And if you lop off the "-ism", the front part of the word represents what is of upmost importance in the life of someone holding to that Worldview. One we hear Bret say several times this Sunday, "Naturalism"...if you take off the "-ism", you get Nature. Nature is at the center of this Worldview. It is the outlook on life that Nature is the most important thing, because it's the only thing!

Group Exercise

The overall goal of this activity is for group members to separate preferences and non-essential beliefs from foundational Worldview assumptions. If one of their dots falls squarely in the center, it is directly related to how they view the world. Same for dots that fall far from the center, they do not directly affect the basis from which they live every day life. This is important because it is "OK" to have varying opinions and stances on things, but at some point we have to stand firm and draw a line, and the issues that come close or hit the bullseye are getting close to issues that are informed by their Worldview. The big question for each of us as Christ followers is: When issues get close to our passions, when we draw the line around our beliefs, is it because we have taken a Biblical view of the world? Or is it because of inherent or inherited beliefs that are not connected to the Biblical view of the world?

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