

Lesson Review Questions

Answers for these questions are at the end of this session.

1. How would you define a worldview?
2. How does a worldview affect a person's perspective of death?
3. According to Colossians 2:8, why is a biblical worldview important?
4. What are the criteria for a biblical worldview?
5. What are some of the things Psalm 119 says about God's Word?
6. What, in your opinion, would it take to reverse the downward trends of fewer Christians holding a biblical worldview?

Concept Review

- A biblical worldview will cause people to process what happens to them through the filter of God's Word and act differently than those who are influenced by a non-biblical worldview.
- A worldview is a filter through which we process every piece of information that comes to us. It's a belief or a perspective that flavors all of our perceptions.
- God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden so they would not eat of the tree of life and live forever. It was actually an act of mercy.
- Most people are being more influenced by our secular culture than they are by the Bible.
- Today, tragedies happening all over the world are piped into your house, your phone, and your devices. You hear in real time everything that's happening. The news media constantly projects tragedy that's going to happen.
- The Lord told us exactly how this earth would pass away, and it's not going to be from manmade pollution or anything like this. It's actually arrogance on the part of men to think that we could destroy this earth.
- The Bible is a greater authority than any man or any position that a man operates.
- Even fifty years ago, people who weren't serving God, didn't love God, or weren't living for God had knowledge of God because of the influence of the church. The church had an influence on even the secular culture back in 1967 that we have seen completely eroded today. We have to recognize that Satan comes against us through the way we think.
- To have a biblical worldview you have to believe in the Bible, and the Bible is under assault.
- Our whole lives have to be dominated and controlled by what the Word of God says, and very few Christians let the Bible get in the way of what they believe.
- You don't have to learn everything by hard knocks. You can learn through other people, and that's the reason that the Word is given.
- God's Word will give you direction and show you what you need to do. Many people are stumbling today because they don't have the light of God's Word.

Personalize Today's Lesson

- What is your philosophy or way of looking at the world?
- Do you think it is critical to understand what a person's worldview is? Why or why not?
- Do you have an example from your own life of when you didn't let the Bible get in the way of what you believed? Will that change now that you understand the importance of a biblical worldview?
- On a scale from 1–10 (low to high), rate yourself on how much influence you feel God's Word and other Christians have on your worldview. How much influence do secular media and non-believers have on your worldview?
- Do you believe that moral truth exists and that the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches? Defend your answer.
- Why is it important for you to have a biblical worldview?

Prepare Yourself to Respond to Culture and Media

In today's lesson, Avian Flu was used as an example from 2008 when the UK falsely predicted as many as 75,000 Britons and 50 million people worldwide would die.¹⁶

- Is there a current media prediction of doom and gloom for a flu epidemic or other catastrophe?
- As you encounter information that contradicts your biblical worldview, do you know how to respond? Take some time to gather insight from God's Word and plan a response strategy.

Look at this statement: *"The Lord told us exactly how this earth would pass away, and it's not going to be from manmade pollution or anything like this. It's actually arrogance on the part of men to think that we could destroy this earth."*

- Do you agree with this perspective?

This is radically different from what you hear in media and even science textbooks. Prepare a response to this issue using your biblical worldview.

Throughout history good men and evil men have lived their lives based on different perspectives. Andrew gave the example of Adolf Hitler and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Think about another pair from media, politics, or anyone from today's culture and detail the opposite worldviews they present. Note how their worldviews affect each of them and influence those around them.

Research Key Concepts Further

Add understanding to your knowledge! Take time to read more about these concepts and analyze when and where they appear around you. Understand them better so you can recognize their power and influence:

- Humanism
- Philosophy
- Socialism
- Communism
- Capitalism

Use Prayer as Your Power Tool

Turn these prayer points into your own powerful prayers.

- Thank God for His Word.
- Commit to understanding God's Word and making it the source for your worldview.
- Ask God to expose where your worldview may not line up with His Word.
- Thank God for others who share your biblical worldview and build relationships with them so you can encourage each other.
- Ask God for opportunities to share your biblical worldview with others.
- Praise God that you do not have to fear death, but your biblical worldview brings peace that you will have eternity with Him in heaven.

Young People

Students in middle school through college will encounter textbooks written from a very humanistic worldview. It is imperative to alert youth to the battle of worldviews and what is at stake.

Read the following.

A worldview is a framework of basic beliefs that we have, whether we know it or not, that shapes our view of the world. A biblical worldview will make you see things differently from a people who don't have a biblical worldview. For instance, take the example of death. Some people respond to death in total fear, terror, and dread, or hate to even acknowledge it. Christians with a biblical worldview actually view death as nothing to fear...

- *What is your worldview or way of looking at the world?*
- *Are you looking at things through the Word of God? Is the Word of God the foundation for how you process and react to things?*
- *Do you deal with things based on what you know from your own understanding or how your peers look at things?*
- *Challenge the young people to develop knowledge of what God says about culturally relevant topics they encounter at school. Consider creating a forum where youth can share challenges to a biblical worldview and what a biblical worldview response to each challenge might be. Enlist your pastor and other mature Christians to give input.*

Meditate on God's Word

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:15

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Genesis 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Philippians 1:21–24

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

2 Corinthians 5:8

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

John 14:2–3

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Isaiah 65:17

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Genesis 3:22–24

And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Psalms 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Isaiah 57:21

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

Colossians 2:8

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Ephesians 6:12–13

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 3:8

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Matthew 6:34

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Matthew 24:29

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Luke 21:26

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Matthew 24:6–7

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Luke 21:28

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Acts 1:10–11

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

Revelation 22:12 and 20

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work . . . He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

John 14:1

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:28

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

John 16:6

But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Acts 17:18

Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

Isaiah 53:4–5

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:4

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Psalms 119:9

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Psalms 119:11

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalms 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.