

LESSON REVIEW QUESTIONS

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

1. What are some of the statistics that show our culture is going in the wrong direction fast?
2. What is the harm in removing statues or anything in government buildings that might be offensive to someone?
3. Define *Christian apologetics* and explain why this is important today.
4. How does 2 Corinthians 11:13–14 help explain the deceptions and attacks against a biblical worldview taking place today?
5. What is the subtle danger of embracing the popular idea to “coexist”?
6. Why don’t more Christians speak the truth in love about their biblical worldview (Eph. 4:15)?
7. Give biblical examples of confronting people and telling them the truth rather than being tolerant.

CONCEPT REVIEW

- Our culture is going in the wrong direction fast, and only about 52 percent of millennials identified themselves as Christian.¹⁹
- The educational system is indoctrinating people, coming against a biblical worldview, and fighting it.
- We cannot sustain this Republic if we continue to go the direction we're going.
- There is an effort to scrub history, to make it so that it doesn't even include the things that are considered to be offensive today.
- The body of Christ has got to get outside of the four walls of our church buildings, and we've got to get into education and into society. We've got to start giving an answer.
- People did not like what the Apostle Paul said, but he kept saying it. If you truly love a person, then you are going to be able to confront them.
- Satan comes in subtle ways and says we're just supposed to be tolerant toward everybody.
- If we don't shine the light and put forth the preserving influence of the Gospel, then there is no other hope.
- I believe there is a revival beginning. I see people, Christians, waking up, beginning to make a difference, and I believe that we are in the first stages of a revival, but sad to say, it is reactionary.

PERSONALIZE TODAY'S LESSON

What suggestions do you have to turn around the statistics for each of the following topics?

- People don't identify America as a Christian nation.
- People call themselves Christians but aren't practicing Christians.
- The educational system indoctrinates in atheism and comes against a biblical worldview.
- Youth are often leaving the church by age 18.

In what ways have you previously chosen tolerance over speaking the truth? Will that change in the future?

What will you do to be more proactive about living your biblical worldview?

Prepare Yourself to Respond to Culture and Media

In today's lesson, the example of Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings of 2018 revealed how the political system manipulated justice and showed no resemblance to the biblical instructions about handling accusations about a person given in Deuteronomy 19.

- *What might have happened if Christians had spoken out about the injustice at the time?*
- *Are there any current media examples of this type of behavior?*
- *As a Christian, will you speak out about injustice?*

Another example was given about British Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's cohabitation and marriage being widely applauded around the world.

- *Are there celebrity couples who are clearly contradicting a biblical worldview lifestyle and influencing young people?*
- *Are there celebrity couples who are clearly living a biblical worldview lifestyle and influencing young people?*

Compare how Christians respond to the couples. Consider how you could personally speak out or show support for or against their lifestyle choices. Make a plan not to simply be tolerant, but to be proactive and share your biblical worldview.

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.

- Christian apologetics (read about past and current Christian apologists)
- The "Coexist" Movement

Use Prayer as Your Power Tool

Turn these prayer points into your own powerful prayers.

- Thank God for His Word that gives instructions for all issues we face.
- Confess times you've kept silent and tolerated something that was contrary to what the Bible says.
- Ask God for opportunities and boldness to speak the truth in love.
- Praise God for people who are stepping outside the four walls of the church to influence culture with a biblical worldview.
- Ask God to help you prepare and give an answer explaining the hope you have in Christ.

- Ask God to raise up a generation of Christians who boldly resist the subtle influences of culture to coexist.
- Thank God for the strong Christian heritage of our nation and our government being based on the Bible and patterned after the nation of Israel.

Young People

- *Do you see a downward trend in numbers of Christians in your school, workplace, or hometown? Give evidence to support your claims.*

- *How do you personally answer the following questions:*

- *Is America a Christian nation?*
- *Do you identify as a Christian? Are you a Christian in name only or are you actively participating in Christianity?*
- *Do you know students and teachers who are atheist? If so, why do you think they chose Atheism?*
- *Do you know youth who have left the church? If so, why did they leave and what might bring them back to the church?*
- *How can your choosing and living a biblical worldview affect those around you?*

Moral standards have deteriorated regarding Britain's royal family. While many people approve the cohabitation and marriage between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Prince Harry's great uncle abdicated the throne because he wanted to marry a divorcee. Many Christians let the Bible go to the side and don't care what the Bible says about not living together because the royals are beautiful people.

- *What does the Bible say about sex and living with someone without being married to them?*
- *How do celebrity couples who live together before marriage affect your views about the topic?*
- *What do you say when your friends discuss sex before marriage? Are there celebrity role models for a biblical worldview?*

MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Acts 17:2–4

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

Philippians 1:7

Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

2 Corinthians 11:13–14

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

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.

Romans 3:23

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

Romans 10:3

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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.

Leviticus 19:18

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Matthew 19:19

Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 22:39

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Leviticus 19:17–18

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Ephesians 4:15

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Matthew 5:39

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

John 2:15

And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables.

Galatians 1:8–9

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Titus 1:12

One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

1 Corinthians 5:5

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:20

Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2 Peter 2:12

But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

Jude 10

But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Luke 13:32

And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

Matthew 23:27

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Matthew 23:16–17, 19, 24, 26, and 33

Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? . . . Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? . . . Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. . . . Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. . . . Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Matthew 5:9 and 13–14

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. . . . Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

2 Corinthians 11:13–14

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Psalms 119:105

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

Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Deuteronomy 19:15–21

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.