

Living New | Week 6

Spiritual Worldview: Viewing Life as a Self-Feeder

Ask your group members to share something that especially stood out to them, that especially encouraged them, or that they found especially helpful from the message or FONL study material this week. If your group is large, you may only have time for four or five responses.

Start your time by watching a 3-minute video on YouTube entitled “A Man Fell in a Hole” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WCTItHR-Hg>). Ask, “What worldviews were represented in the video?” Ask your group to share about any recent encounters with people who believed or espoused any of the views reflected in the video. (If no one has a story or stories to share, then use the lack of stories to encourage them to build relationships with people who hold to non-biblical worldviews.)

Open in prayer asking God to help the members of your group to develop a more consistently biblical worldview.

Read the following from Ravi Zacharias: “Everyone: pantheist, atheist, skeptic, polytheist has to answer these questions: Where did I come from? What is life’s meaning? How do I define right from wrong? What happens to me when I die? Those are the fulcrum points of our existence.” Then, watch Zacharias explain “What is a Worldview?” in a 4.5-minute video on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/47662226>. On a large Post-it, create the heading “What is a Worldview?” and write down your group’s insights and observations from the Zacharias video.

Ask your group to offer various non-biblical theories of origin to answer the question: Where did we come from? Then, on a large Post-it, write the heading “Reasons to believe in God as Creator.” Ask your group to consider how they might respond to a friend who has questions and/or skepticism about God as Creator. Write down their responses on the Post-it. Before you leave this exercise, read through the five reasons to believe that God created listed in Week 6, Day 1 and make sure each is covered on your Post-it. Ask your group members to share which of these reasons is most compelling to them and why.

Ask your group members to share examples of behaviors that they believe are wrong but that others try to justify. On a large Post-it, create a heading - “Authority: What is my source of authority? How do I determine the difference between truth and error, right and wrong?” Make a list of how various worldviews identify their source of authority. Ideas might be human reason, human feelings, the Koran, etc. Print a copy of the story of Billy Graham’s struggle with accepting the Bible as his authority (found in Week 6, Day 3). Ask someone to read the story. Discuss what’s most meaningful about this story to your group members. Ask, “Has anyone had an experience like Billy Graham’s?”

On a large Post-it, draw the “3 Circles: Life Conversation Guide.” Ask your group to explain how the “God’s Design” circle answers the “Where did I come from?” and the “Who am I?” questions. Ask your group to explain how the “sin” arrow and the “brokenness” circle answer the “What’s wrong with the world?” question. Ask your group to explain how the “repent and believe” arrow and the “gospel” circle answer the “What can make things better?” question. Ask your group to explain how the “recover and pursue” arrow can answer the “Where am I going?” question.

Give your group an assignment this week. Make an appointment with someone and ask them at least 2-3 worldview questions. This is not a talking, preaching, or sharing assignment. It’s a listening assignment!

Here are the questions:

- 1) Where do you believe you have come from?
- 2) Who do you believe you are?
- 3) Why do you believe that you are here?
- 4) What is your source of authority? (or) Why do you believe what you believe?
- 5) What do you think is wrong with the world? (or) Why do you think things are broken?
- 6) What do you believe will make things better?
- 7) Where do you believe you are ultimately going? Remind everyone to simply listen. God will likely give your group members an opportunity to share at some point in the future.

Ravi Zacharias said that a viable worldview must have “logical consistency,” “empirical adequacy,” and “experiential relevance.” Ask your group, “What does he mean by these three terms and why does this matter?”

Close in prayer asking God to solidify each member’s biblical worldview and to give them courage to ask the 2-3 worldview questions.