



Face It, You're Skewed!

View = Values

Week 1
1 of 2

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Icebreaker: Would you rather look through a telescope, microscope, or kaleidoscope? Why?

Key Verse: *For he is the kind of man who is always thinking about the cost. "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart is not with you.* Proverbs 23:7

The King James Version translates part of this verse, "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he." The prophet Jeremiah wrote that the heart is deceitful above all else (17:9). Taking these two together we see a couple of things come into view. We must be careful what goes into our hearts, because our hearts might not necessarily lead us in the right direction. Our hearts have to be changed and shaped by the gospel. As we are shaped by the gospel, we develop a new worldview.

As followers of Jesus we should not become so well adjusted to our culture that we fit into it without even thinking. The Bible often speaks about us as being strangers and exiles (1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 11:13). We are living in a world that is ultimately not our home. We are temporary residents in the kingdom of men waiting for our arrival at our destination in the kingdom of God.

Imagine you, as an American citizen, move to a foreign country. How would your identity as an American alter your perception of that foreign country? Just because you have left and gone to another country doesn't mean you can leave your perceptions and values behind. No, your perceptions go with you and shape how you think and feel, and how other people see you.

Our true citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). When we live as kingdom citizens in an earthly home, it should affect how we live and interact with people. Our first allegiance and primary responsibility is to King Jesus. When our hearts are changed by His gospel, we develop a Christian worldview.

THINK IT OVER >>>

Thinking back on Dwight's message, what stood out to you?

Dwight shared the differences between two worldviews, Secularism and Christianity. Secularism seeks fulfillment through momentary pleasures, while Christianity seeks fulfillment through eternal purposes.

What are some things we often mistake for being a part of a Christian worldview because of other views we hold?

How should we respond when our work, our family, or our government hold views contrary to a Christian worldview?

What are some ways we can keep watch over our heart and beliefs?

LOOK IT OVER >>>

How do you maintain a consistently Christian worldview?

Who has shaped and influenced the way you view the world the most? As Christians, what should influence the way we see the world the most?

Would you say that you have a Christian worldview, or is there something else that is shaping your worldview?

What role do spiritual practices and Bible reading have in shaping our view of everyday life? Why is it important to develop these disciplines in our lives?

NEXT STEPS

This week, consider taking some next steps together, as a group:

1. Pray that you would find your highest sense of joy and delight in making your mind the mind of Christ. Pray that God would help you see all things as He does, to rejoice in what He rejoices in and avoid the things He hates. Ask for God to give you a distinctly Christian worldview.
2. Consider a few things you can do with the people in your group to develop a more consistent Christian worldview. Some examples might be reading a book on theology together, meeting one-on-one with someone of the same gender to pray and read Scripture together outside the group, or listening to Christian podcasts as you drive.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Developing a consistently Christian worldview

Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

FURTHER STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out these verses:

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Matthew 6:33
- 1 Corinthians 2:16
- Galatians 1:4
- Romans 12:1-2

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.
(Don't forget to bring this paper to the next small group meeting)