Living a Biblical Worldview

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Define Worldview:

"A largely unconscious but generally coherent set of presuppositions and beliefs that every person has which shape how we make sense of the world and everything in it. This in turn influences such things as how we see ourselves as individuals, how we interpret our role in society, how we deal with social issues, and what we regard as truth." -Oxford Press

The lens in which we view and interpret all of life (thoughts, decisions, relationships, and actions).

Illustrations:

- Sunglasses at dusk- Impacts your view on everything even when you're not aware
- Building Foundation- What our life is built on, weight bearing
- Coffee Filter- determines what you accept and reject
- Fruit Tree- visible fruit comes from the nutrients of unseen roots

Goal of this Study:

1. DISCOVER TRUTH: Help discover where in life we are drawing from a cultural worldview vs. a biblical worldview...

DRIFT	ANCHOR
Hebrews 2:1	Hebrews 6:19
Colossians 2:8	1 Corinthians 15:58
Ephesians 4:14-15	Colossians 1:23

2. DISCERN FREEDOM: ...So we can experience the freedom of God's order while avoiding the traps of our culture.

John 8:31-21, "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.""

- 3. DISCUSS WITH GRACE: Provide practical tools in how to engage others with opposing worldviews.
 - **1 Peter 3:15**, "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,"

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7 Pillars of a Biblical Worldview

	Biblical Worldview	Cultural Worldview
1.	God Rules	I Rule
2.	People have Dignity	People Earn Worth
3.	Sin is the Problem	Systems are the Problem
4.	Christ is Lord	All Paths Work
5.	Scripture is Truth	Truth is Relative
6.	Live for God's Glory	Live for Self
<i>7</i> .	Hope in Eternity	Live for Now

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DISCUSTION QUESTIONS:

Understanding Worldview:

- 1. Where do you think your worldview has been most shaped- family, church, friends, culture, or something else?
- 2. Are there any worldview pillars (biblical or cultural) that you find yourself challenged by?

Discover Truth:

- 1. What are some ways Christians today are tempted to drift from God's truth?
- 2. What helps you stay anchored in your faith when life gets busy or when culture pressures you?

Discern Freedom:

1. Our culture often promises freedom but delivers bondage. What are some "traps" that look like freedom but actually enslaves?

Discuss with Grace:

1. How do you normally feel when you find yourself in a conversation with someone who sees the world differently than you?