



"UNASHAMED IN A WORLD OF VIEWS"

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For a healthy world and community _____ at the conversation table.

Three complaints about the Christian Worldview

All religions are _____

_____ of Christianity

John 18:36-38 --- John 14:6

_____ & _____

2 Corinthians 10:1-5

Truth: There is a _____ to following Jesus amidst a pluralism of worldviews.

Three ways to engage with Jesus in his worldview movement

Suggested Reading:

Why Jesus: Rediscovering His Truth in an Age of Mass Marketed Spirituality, Ravi Zacharias

Simply Christian, N.T. Wright

JOHN 18:36-37; 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5



STUDY QUESTIONS

Use these questions in your community group or personal study time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

INTRODUCTION

Everyone's heard it: *Christianity is just too unfair because it claims to be exclusive.*

Yet it doesn't take much looking around to see that every "truth" claims to be the only way to what's true about reality. More and more people in the general culture are beginning to realize that today. As Jesus-followers we have to be careful not to use the "exclusivity critique" as an excuse not to engage in conversations about our faith.

The real issue, as we saw in the beginning of this series, is with biases. These biases are tightly held because to give them up means a cost to our comfort. In other words, if I find out my religion or belief system is wrong, I might have to go through the discomfort of changing my view and my life accordingly.

Worldviews are so important because they shape our lives, whether we admit it or not. That is the reason many people choose to cling to views they've always held rather than consider Christ. To be fair, as Christians, if we hope to engage in conversations with others about our view, we must be willing to examine it under the light of the evidence.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever had a conversation about your faith where you were both a little frustrated? Was it because it was hard for you to express your views, or because the other person seemed so closed-off? Both?
 - As we approach the holidays, and seeing family and friends, how can you prepare to be at ease in belief-conversations?
- In your own words: How would you describe your Christian worldview? How would you describe what you believe about Jesus?
- Read John 18:33-38 together.**
 - What do you think Pilate thought about Jesus?
 - What do you think Pilate's worldview was?
 - What do you think Jesus thought of Pilate's worldview?
- Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-5 together.** Do you think Paul was being overly militant here? [Was he being gracious? Rude? Loving in a strong way?]
 - How does what Paul says about *arguments* & *opinions* in v. 5 strike you?
 - Have you ever felt this way when you try to engage in conversation with someone who holds another worldview?
 - What does what Paul say here tell you about how we can be more Christ-like in such conversations?
- As in question #1 above, if you think you might have an opportunity to talk with a friend of family member about what you believe over the holidays, how can the people of your group be praying for you about that possibility?

MOVING FORWARD

Your worldview matters and nobody can live without one. We may not think about them consciously, but that's a big roll of the dice. What if we get to the end and realize we never considered what was true and what to believe? Our whole lives are shaped by what we believe, knowing why we believe it, and what we are for -- That's why we started this conversation.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"I am the way, the truth and the life... You will know the truth and the truth with set you free." -- Jesus