

Worldview

Session TWO

TEACHING NOTES

God has a plan for us to know Him

2 Peter 1:1-4

Knowing Him

Philippians 3:10

Ephesians 4:13

Colossians 3:10

What hinders us from knowing Him

Satan

KEY VERSE(S)

2 Peter 1:3-4

KEY THEME(S)

God has a plan
We each have a worldview

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. – 2 Peter 1:3-4

The flesh/human nature

The world

We all have a worldview

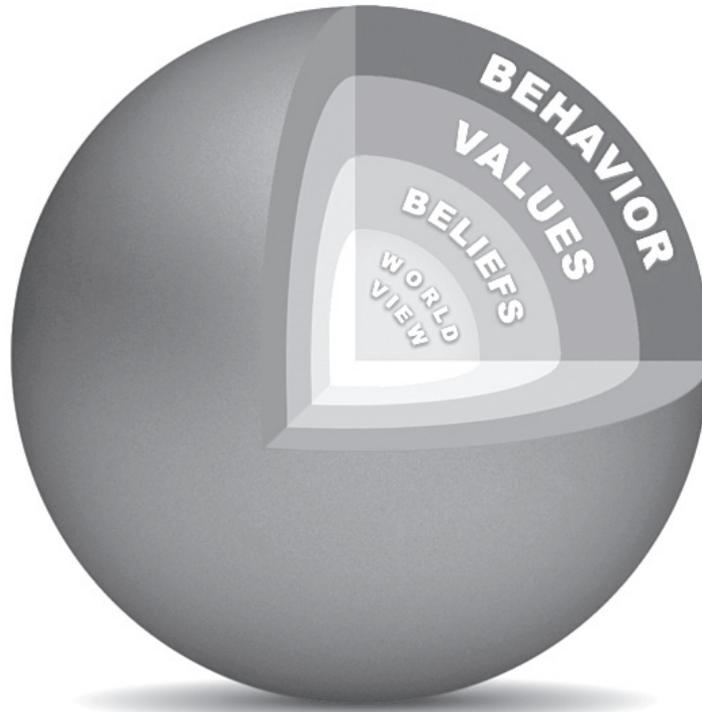
Our disconnected worldview

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– James Sire

Lesson Objective:

While we’ve discussed many details of various worldviews, the point is that we all have a worldview... and it is in conflict with knowing Him.



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PERSONAL STUDY

Why do this?

This is your opportunity for ongoing study of the material from our recent session. God is the one who is actively revealing His character and His plan as we interact with His Word.

Prepare your heart and mind.

Begin this time alone with God by allowing the Holy Spirit to focus your thoughts on Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts and make you aware of the truths God wants you to learn.

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4

Why does God give us spiritual insight and power?

What is God helping us escape from?

In what ways does the world around us influence our thinking?

Everyone has a worldview

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Each person has a worldview from which they live their lives. The worldview we hold is the foundation from which we base our decisions. This is why it is so important that we allow our minds to be transformed by the truth found in God's Word instead of letting the world determine what is true.

Read 2 Peter 1:4 again

Our worldview is completely influenced by the behaviors of the culture around us. What are you encouraged to do in this verse?

To put it simpler, a **worldview is how we look at the world.**

What are some examples of a worldview embraced by our culture?

Do you have views and beliefs that are not in line with God's ways and truth? Why or why not?

One of the loving things God does is help make us aware of our wrong views and incorrect assumptions. He does this through His Word, the Holy Spirit, and other believers. However, this is only effective when we humble ourselves before God and open our hearts and minds up so He can speak truth to us.

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your creator and become like Him. – Colossians 3:10

God has a plan that we would know Him

Here is a list of things you can do to get to know Him better:

- Read God's Word
- Communicate with Him – both talking and listening
- Meet with other Christians for spiritual growth
- Journal out your thoughts and prayers to God
- Listen to good Biblical teaching

Key verse

Put to memory Romans 12:2 or Colossians 3:10 using the scripture cards we've provided. Put one or both of the cards up where you can see them throughout the day.

Prayer time

One of the ways you get to know another person is by talking and listening to them – the same is true with God. He desires us to spend time communicating with Him.

PARENT GUIDE

As we begin to understand God's plan for us to know Him and start putting that plan into practice, we should take the opportunity to share with our children what we are learning. It is a great privilege and responsibility to nurture our children's spiritual growth. We want to encourage you to take that step and start talking about your faith with your children. Use these Table Talk questions to start a conversation around the table, driving down the road, or wherever it seems to fit. Taking time to talk is a great step in the right direction.

Table Talk

What are some things you can do to get to know God better?
(Read your Bible, go to church, pray ...)

What happens if we don't take the time to do those things?

Sometimes we choose to do things that lead us away from God instead of closer to Him. How can we encourage each other as a family to make time for God, so we can get to know Him better?