

# Worldview

## KEY VERSES

John 3

## KEY THEMES

God has a plan for us to know Him  
We each have a worldview

## TEACHING NOTES

 **God has a plan for us to know Him (Ephesians 4:13, Colossians 3:10)**

 **We all have a worldview**

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Is the world flat?

**Our disconnected worldview**

God owns it all (Psalm 24:1-2, Leviticus 27:30)

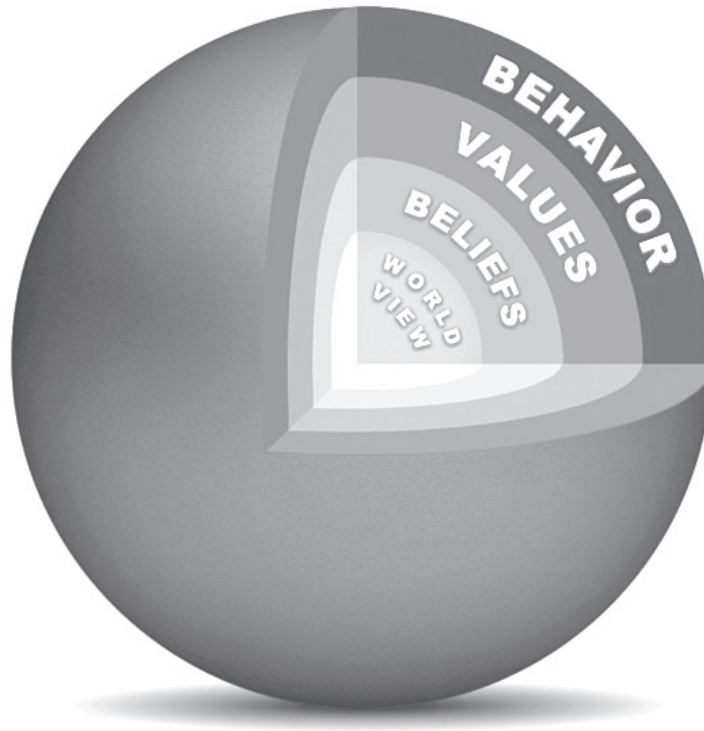
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**Letting God change our worldview**

Nicodemus (John 3, 7:45-52, 19:38-42)

**Lesson Objective:**

*To understand that we all have a worldview and it is in conflict with knowing God.*





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

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?

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.

To begin this prayer time thank the Lord for something He has done for you. Now ask Him to help you become aware of beliefs and values you hold that don't line up with His Word. Ask Him to help you align your life with His plans and purposes. Share with God what is on your heart and mind and pray for any needs you have in your life.

## 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?

## OPTIONAL STUDY

James 4:8 says that if we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. What a promise! One of the key ways we can draw near to the Lord is to spend time reading the Bible and meditating on the truths of scripture. The additional study is a tool designed to help you do just that by revisiting the main themes found in the lesson.



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Read Philippians 3:10-12

What is Paul saying His goal is?

What is the difference between knowing information about Jesus and knowing Him well enough that we actually desire to participate in what He is doing even if that means suffering?



Read Ephesians 4:11-13

What is the purpose of being equipped in the church?



Read Colossians 3:1-10

What should be our focus as we live our lives in this world? (see verse 10)



Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

In what ways have you come to know Christ differently as a result of your new life in Him?

*And this is the way to have eternal life – to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. – John 17:3*

Jesus said that eternal life was to know Him and His Father. It was God's plan from the beginning for mankind to know and have fellowship with Him. The Father has showered us all with many blessings but He himself is the true prize. We will not be strangers when we meet Jesus face to face because He has already begun our eternal relationship through the presence and fellowship of His Holy Spirit.