

## Foundations

Intro Questions: (seek to relate to the cultural context)

- Through what lens do you view life?
- Where do you seek answers to life's hardest questions?
- What is the purpose of living?

In short, the question is WHAT IS YOUR WORLDVIEW?

Living with a Biblical Worldview is framed by 4 non-negotiables:

1. God is our reference point
2. His Word is our authority
3. His glory is our purpose
4. His presence is our promise

### Foundation 1: God is our reference point

What is at the center of your universe? What does everything revolve around in your life?

Are you at the center?

All thoughts and decisions are rooted in self-survival/self-satisfaction

Is humanity at the center?

The focus of life is seeking the wellbeing of others, feeding the hungry, providing for the poor, protecting the powerless, etc...

(Give other culturally relevant example of life reference point: family honor, money/success...)

To rightly think about ourselves and all of life, we must have God at the center as our only reference point. Why? Because He is the Creator of all things and He existed before any piece of creation came into being. Genesis 1:1 starts with, "In the beginning God..."

### Foundation 2: His Word is our authority

How do we then determine how to live? What is right and wrong? What is good and evil?

God provided His written Word to us to give us all the answers we need in life. His Word provides us with an understanding of who God is, who we are, how we were designed to live, and countless truths for every single question of life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

All of Scripture is directly from God and is provided for every need so that we may be complete. The Scriptures teach us what we are to believe concerning God and what God requires of us.

### Foundation 3: His glory is our purpose

Why are we here? What is the purpose of living? What was I created for?

All humans at their core have these questions swirling deep in their souls. Many seek the answers throughout the entirety of the life with no conclusion and see life as just pointless vanity. In truth, life apart from God is vanity because we are designed by a Creator and He has given us purpose and meaning. What is that purpose? His Glory!

What is His glory? His honor, fame, renown, praise, beauty

All that we do in life is to be unto His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31)

We fail at this every time we seek to pursue our own glory or the glory of other created beings instead of the glory of God.

Where does this culture seek glory? Where does this culture give glory?

### Foundation 4: His presence is His promise

Every world religion has an end goal...

(List end goals of Islam, Buddhism, etc)

Even our post-modern American world has an end goal of personal satisfaction and happiness.

Christianity is unique to all of these other world religions in that it speaks of a God who redeems His people and promises to dwell with His people forever.

This is a theme we see all throughout Scripture:

His covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people and I will dwell with you  
(we will dive into this in the next session on Covenant)

And we see that Christ is the essence of God dwelling with us.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” John 1:14

“...and they shall call His name Immanuel” (meaning God with us). Matthew 1:23

In Conclusion:

We all have worldviews that have been damaged and marred and altered by the deceitfulness of the world, the flesh, and the devil. We all have different life experiences that may shape how we view God, ourselves, and others. It is important to recognize that we cannot correct and nourish our worldview apart from seeking to know what God has revealed in His Word.

We must be transformed by the Word rather than conformed by the world. Both the Word and the world have the power and influence to shape us into its mold. We must seek to renew our minds through the transformative power of the Word of God.

Romans 12:2

“Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”