Worldview Basics

A Comparison of Major Worldviews

Listening Guide

[1] Read this paragraph - or listen to slides 1 & 2 a few times to get Lewis's meaning clearly fixed in your mind. Then set it aside and write its meaning in your own words. How would you explain it to a high school student in a clear and concise way?

[2] As you review the worldviews studied in this course, what are some of the "most foundational principles of ethics" they hold in common?

[3] What are some of the most foundational "differences when it comes to other aspects of reality" that separate the worldviews?

Fragmenting What Is Right

[4] As you studied other worldviews, what aspect did they borrow from a biblical worldview?

[5] If, as Lewis observes, "new ideologies" "take fragments of the truth to escape obligation to the whole," What obligations of the biblical worldview are believers in other worldviews trying to escape?

[6] What is it about the biblical worldview that makes it threatening or unattractive to people who prefer another worldview?

[7] Do you see any *additional* ways the other worldviews studied have borrowed from the biblical worldview?

Which Worldview Will You Choose?

[8] What are the consequences of being partially right but ultimately wrong when choosing a worldview?

[9] As you think back over what the course presented about worldview beliefs, is there any belief you would name as "most important"? If so what is that belief? What makes it so important?

[10] List the seven worldviews you studied in the course from "most important to least important to agree with." On what criteria did you base your priorities? What makes a worldview important?

[11] Go back to the end of Lesson 1 where you wrote down the elements you would include in your worldview and revisit it. What additions, edits, or deletions would you make to your worldview now that you are at the end of the course?

[12] If you have not settled on your worldview yet, carefully consider the options. If you are not drawn to the biblical worldview, read John 3 and weigh Jesus' own explanation of His purpose for coming to earth before you finally decide which worldview to choose.

[13] If you have accepted what the biblical worldview teaches about Jesus, you have entered into a relationship with Him. It's more than accepting a truth—it's a lifestyle. Read and carefully weigh the decision presented to all who have accepted the biblical worldview in Romans 12:1–3. A biblical worldview shapes the whole life of the one who adopts it.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

You have completed the academic portion of this course. But notice the third objective for this final lesson. Don't leave the course until you have made a decision about your worldview.