

MAKING SENSE OF THE WORLD: THE WORLD OF WORLDVIEWS

LISTENING GUIDE *As you listen, jot down a few things that stand out.*

- Consider as you listen: everyone has a worldview.
- What influences did you hear mentioned that shape the way we see the world?
- What do I hear that's challenging or surprising?
- How do worldviews answer life's biggest questions?
- Listen for how different worldviews answer the questions of origin, meaning, morality, and destiny.
- Where did you hear the connection between belief → values → behavior?
- What example or idea from the sermon made that connection clearer?
- One thing I want to think about more:

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION

1. LOOK IN: WHAT IS SHAPING THE WAY I SEE THE WORLD?

Everyone has a worldview, but most of us probably didn't sit down one afternoon and intentionally choose one. Our view of life has been shaped over years by family, experiences, culture, relationships, media... and hopefully, increasingly, by Jesus.

- What people or experiences have most shaped the way you see the world?
- Where do you think our culture most powerfully shapes us without us realizing it?
- The sermon made the connection worldview → values → behavior. Where have you seen something you believe noticeably affect the way you live?
- "You may not live what you profess, but you will live what you believe." Where might there be a gap between what you say you believe and what your life suggests you actually believe?

2. LOOK UP: HOW DOES JESUS CHANGE THE WAY WE SEE THE WORLD?

The Christian worldview isn't merely "there is a God." Christianity makes a much more particular claim: That Jesus Christ is Lord. Our understanding of creation, meaning, morality, suffering, hope, and eternity is ultimately centered on Him.

- Of the four questions (origin, meaning, morality, destiny), which one feels most important to you right now?
 - Why?
- How would you answer that question differently because you follow Jesus?

- Where does the Christian story of Creation → Fall → Redemption → Restoration help make sense of something you're experiencing in the world right now?
- What is the difference between simply having "Christian beliefs" and *actually learning* to see your whole life through Jesus?

3. LOOK OUT: HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WITHOUT TURNING THEM INTO OPPONENTS?

Scripture calls us to be ready to explain our hope, but to do it with gentleness and respect (*1 Peter 3:15*). Paul went so far as to understand and enter the worlds of other people "so that by all possible means [he] might save some" (*1 Corinthians 9:19-23*). Understanding someone's worldview doesn't mean agreeing with it. Understanding is part of loving our neighbor well.

- Think about someone you know who sees the world very differently from you. What do you understand about why they see things the way they do?
- When conversations involve deeply held beliefs, what makes it difficult for us to listen instead of immediately preparing our response?
- What might change if our first question became, "help me to understand how you see this," rather than, "how can I convince you that you're wrong?"
- Who is one person you could intentionally listen to this week?
 - What question could you ask that might open a meaningful conversation?

PRAYER

- **For ourselves** | Jesus, reveal the places where something other than You is shaping how we see and live in Your world!
- **For one another** | Pray that we would grow in wisdom, conviction, humility, and the ability to give a reason for our hope with gentleness and respect!
- **For our community** | Pray for people around us who see the world differently, that God would give us genuine friendships, curious ears, gracious words, and opportunities to point people toward Jesus.