

Compass Church East “God and Justice” Week 2: Feb 28, 2021

What we learned today summary

- 1) We want to pursue social justice, but from a framework that’s compatible with the Bible.
- 2) Who or what has authority is at the heart of worldviews?
 - Premodern - God and His revealed will
 - Modernism - Science and reason
 - Postmodernism - The autonomous sovereign self. This “truth” is individual, internal, personal, and subjective - a product of human imagination.

WORLDVIEW QUESTIONS		
	Biblical Social Justice	Ideological Social Justice
What is real?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Biblical Social Justice worldview grounds the starting point or ultimate reality in the God who created the heavens and the earth. Nothing exists or makes sense apart from Him. (<i>Colossians 1:16-17</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reality is grounded in the human mind. ▪ Subjective human perception has god-like authority.

	Biblical Social Justice	Ideological Social Justice
Who are we?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are creations of a holy, good, and loving God. ▪ Both male and female are made in His image and likeness, with intrinsic dignity and worth (<i>Genesis 1:26-27</i>). ▪ Every individual is important but will be held individually accountable for all beliefs and actions (<i>Hebrews 4:13</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identity is derived entirely from “horizontal” relationships to other people and demographic groups. ▪ Identity is entirely socially constructed by the group(s) we belong to (there is no “individual” identity).

	Biblical Social Justice	Ideological Social Justice
Who are we?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The groups we belong to shape us but they do not define us. ▪ God has broken down all the barriers that divided us from himself and from each other. (<i>Galatians 3:26-28</i>) ▪ Treasuring God above all else recalibrates all other affections. ▪ Fighting injustice is rooted in the truth that every human is an image bearer of God, with worth and dignity (not related to social construction of identity). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Segregates people into competing tribes in a power struggle between the oppressor and the oppressed. ▪ No basis for unity other than shared oppressions or allies to that oppression.

Christians must seek justice and see everyone (those you agree with and those you don’t) as image bearers; you cannot pursue biblical justice without this heart posture.

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