

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of February 5-11, 2023

“ICYMI: WORLDVIEW”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What are your thoughts about black coffee? What is the basis of your like, dislike indifference or insensitivity to it?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Everyone has a way of seeing the world—a worldview—even if he or she doesn't realize it. What is a “worldview” and how does it influence the way we live? Why can't all worldviews be true?
2. What does Romans 12:2 say to Christians about seeing the world differently from other people? Why is this shift in perspective so important?
3. Read 2 Peter 3:18, John 17:3, Philippians 3:10. What do these verses say about who we are we to live for? Our purpose? Do you agree that knowing God is our greatest privilege? Why or why not? What does Acts 17:27 say about God's desire?
4. What is the difference between knowing God and just knowing about God? Describe in your own words what you think are the characteristics or evidences of people who truly know God.
5. How can we be more aware of the worldviews of people around us? How can we lovingly but boldly live in a way that refuses to conform to the world's pattern of thinking?
6. Application: *Our worldview determines the way we live.* Think of a time where you faced a serious trial or suffering. What were the biggest questions you wrestled with? Did you feel closer to God or further from him? How did your worldview affect how you handled your difficulty?

7. Application: *Our worldview determines the way we live.* What challenges do you face in determining how you handle money? Do you view your finances from a world's perspective or from a Biblical perspective? How do you know that's the case?

8. NEXT STEPS

The foundation God wants us to build our lives on is faith in him.

- ☐ I commit to know Christ more.
- ☐ I will be careful not to let worldly ideas influence me by _____.
- ☐ I will train myself to think biblically.

Don't forget to:

- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for transformation in your thinking, to be built up in the faith and not be influenced by worldly ideas.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

February 6 Ephesians 2:1-10
February 7 Ephesians 4:22-24
February 8 Psalms 11:1-7
February 9 Philippians 3:1-11
February 10 Matthew 7:24-27
February 11 Matthew 5:13-16
February 12 Psalms 19:7-14