



Syllabus for True and Good: Living the Biblical Worldview

Desired Outcome: Participants in this class will be able to clearly articulate the Biblical worldview, why it is true and how it provides the best solutions to the current cultural challenges. They will also understand alternative worldviews and learn how to effectively share the truth and goodness of the Biblical worldview with others.

Who Should Participate: This advanced discipleship course is for all committed Christians interested in more effectively discipling the people they care about to fully understand why God’s design for our world is both true and good. This class will help you live faithfully, acquire wisdom, and act courageously.

Cost: \$100 plus the cost of the books (purchased by student)

Monthly meeting date, topic and book (read in prior month):

A two and one half hour meeting each month where the students discuss a book, participate in a lecture with a group discussion and apply what they have learned in a working session.

Semester 1: Building a Worldview Foundation

Date	Topic	Book for this month
7-Sep	Intro/ Seeing the Big Picture	None
5-Oct	Worldviews	PDF of worldview presentation
2-Nov	History of Thought	Strange New World
7-Dec	Apologetics	Street Smarts
4-Jan	Progressive Christianity	Another Gospel

Semester 2: Applying the Biblical Worldview to Our Cultural Issues

Date	Topic	Book for this month
1-Feb	Culture	A Practical Guide to Culture
1-Mar	Abortion	Case For Life
5-Apr	Sexuality	Holy Sexuality
3-May	Social Justice	Confronting Injustice w/o Compromising Truth
7-June	Taking Action	Restoring All Things

Required content:

Work on the monthly topics is completed in the month before the meeting

Book: One book per month of required reading (detailed listing below).

Video: 60 to 90 minutes of video content in support of the topic for that month. A link for each of these will be emailed to you at the beginning of each month.

Devotionals: One devotional per week that helps you fully understand the narrative of Creation/Fall/Resurrection/ Redemption in the Bible.

Breakpoint: Daily 5 minute content that applies Biblical worldview thinking to current issues

Recommended Content:

Axis: Weekly email with content on youth trends

Optional Content:

Book: There will be an optional book each month that provides additional insight on the main topic.

Video: Some months will have additional optional video content.

Seminary Seminar option: After each class there will be a lecture on the Biblical basis for the topic discussed at the Bible seminary given by Dr. Israel Steinmetz (additional cost). More information on this soon.

Seminary Audit and Credit Option: Contact The Bible Seminary for information on how to get 6 credit hours for participating in this program (additional cost, classroom time and content required).

Required Book List:

August: No required reading

September: Worldview slide decks. Kip Thomson. 2024.

October: Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution. Carl Truman. Wheaton, 2022.

November: Street Smart: Using Questions to Answer Christianity's Toughest Challenges. Greg Koukl. Zondervan, 2023.

December: Another Gospel? A Lifelong Christian Seeks Truth in Response to Progressive Christianity. Alisa Childers. Tyndale, 2020.

January: A Practical Guide to Culture. John Stonestreet, Brett Kunkle. David C. Cook, 2017.

February: The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture (Second Edition). Scott Klusendorf. Crossway, 2023.

March: Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story. Christopher Yuan. Multnomah, 2018.

April: Confronting Injustice without Compromising Truth: 12 Questions Christians Should Ask About Social Justice. Zondervan, 2020.

May: Restoring All Things: God's Audacious Plan to Change the World through Everyday People. John Stonestreet, Warren Cole Smith. Baker Books, 2015.

Optional Books

Summer/ August: How Now Shall We Live? Charles Colson, Nancy Pearcey. Tyndale 2004.

September: Making Sense of Your World. A Biblical Worldview. Gary W. Philips, William E. Brown, John E. Stonestreet. Sheffield, 2008.

The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog 6th edition. James W. Sire. IVP Academic, 2020.

October: Why You Think the Way You Do. Glenn Sunshine. Zondervan, 2009.

November: Mere Christianity. C.S. Lewis, Harper Collins, 2009.

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism. Timothy Keller. Penguin Books, 2009

December: Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity. Nabeel Qureshi. Zondervan, 2014.

January: Cultural Apologetics. Paul Gould. Zondervan, 2018.

February: Tearing Us Apart: How Abortion Harms Everything and Solves Nothing. Ryan T. Anderson, Alexandra DeSanctis. Regnery, 2022.

March: Them Before Us: Why We Need a Global Children's Rights Movement. Katy Faust. Post Hill Press, 2022.

April: TBD

May: Carpe Diem Redeemed: Seizing the Day, Discerning the Times. Os Guinness. Intervarsity Press, 2019.