

This study has allowed me to grow in my faith tremendously. During these twelve sessions I have learned the importance of being rooted in His word. This book has completely changed my outlook on life. It has become very clear that we as a generation need to wake up and see the evil that is happening around us. We have to take action against the things of this world. In order to take action, we need Him. We live in a real world with a real devil, and we have to rally against Him. We need to know how to defend ourselves and our faith when the opportunity arises. A majority of the world does not have a biblical worldview, but we need to learn how to obtain one. I can certainly say this study has taught me to embrace a biblical worldview.

I never truly knew what theology meant until digging into this study. I always thought it was incredibly intimidating and would go over my head, so I never truly looked into studying the true meaning. Simply, theology is the study of God's nature. God wants us to know Him fully; we just have to accept Him for all He is. Everywhere we look we see God. Nature glorifies His name. Even the sun, moon, and stars sing His praises. Just as Psalms 148:3 says, "Praise Him, sun and moon! Praise Him, all you twinkling stars!" The things of the natural universe declaring His name is called general revelation. I thoroughly enjoyed learning how all things created from our God declare His name. All can see the God He is through His marvelous creation. We can see the mighty ruler He is through the Bible. This is called special revelation. Through this study I have certainly loved learning new terms that I can come home and share with my family. Everything in the world makes it clear that God has all power, is righteous, and is relational.

Learning about Philosophy opened my eyes to see the truth about what needs to be done. It is a fascinating topic; Philosophy is the basis for fighting for our faith. We have to know what the world is throwing at us in order to defend ourselves. Also, our behavior depends on our philosophy. The way we think about life determines a multitude of things. If all we did was think about ourselves and did not put our focus on the one-true King, we will never truly be found in

Christ. We as Christians should put Him first. He is greater than all things and can do all things. Longing for wisdom satisfies; wanting to know God for design for our lives satisfies; Although, wanting to be like the world never satisfies. We cannot be taken captive by the philosophies of the world that the devil wants us to believe. We have to stand firm and know that our Lord is in control of all things and circumstances. The Bible is such a reliable historical document. Even though the Iliad is the gold standard for accuracy in ancient documents, the Bible has more copies, written closer to the time of the event, and with more accuracy between copies than the Iliad. So, to be knowledgeable our generation needs to study the physical word of God. The Bible is the ultimate source of wisdom and knowledge, and we draw our philosophies from it.

God created humans; it is truly that simple. Darwinian evolution and the design theory are both proven wrong because of this simple fact of creation. Science and religion do not contradict each other; they prove each other more true. Scientists see no conflict between science and a belief in God because they know there is an Ultimate Creator. The idea of evolution is completely impossible because life only comes from life. The idea of creation is the least bizarre compared to other insane ideas scientists come up with. The Bible keeps proving itself true; biology and the Bible correlate; they never contradict each other.

Psychology makes each human who they are. There are two dimensions of life: the body and soul. We are more than just our physical bodies; we all have personalities that are special to each of us. We should always be thankful for the body and soul God gave us! God created us in His image. That is so incredible to think about; the God who created the heavens and the earth created us too. He is such a big God, but He thought that this world needed one of us too. We really do not deserve Him; We are worthy because he calls us worthy. We are defined by Him and what He thinks about us. Our sin is the root of our psychological problems, but we can fix this problem by repenting from our old ways and focusing our eyes on Him. We have to stop focusing on the problems and start looking at the problem solver.

Ethics tell us what is right and wrong. There must be an absolute rule when it comes to discussing ethics. The Bible is the answer to all we need to know. It tells us what is right and wrong; we just have to study and read it. Another way to determine what is right and wrong is to look at God's character. God sets what is right and wrong because he is never-changing. Ethics is also about loving others because of our love for God. When we love God with all of our heart, loving people is easy. Faith and fulfillment in Jesus Christ leads to true happiness. In this chapter, guilt is discussed. We learn that guilt is not always a bad thing. It is a good thing because it keeps us accountable. Ethics is truly about learning what is right and wrong through reading our Bible and looking to God's character.

Sociology is how we interact with other people. God created man to be a social being. Our society is made up of the church, family, and state. They all act separately but together at the same time. We as a society have social problems because we are evil rooted instead of being faith rooted. We as individuals can affect society; as Christians we should better society. Family is so important because we should grow closer to Christ together. The church is so important because we need others to fellowship with, and we also should be longing for Christ together. Biblical sociology focuses on the family, church, and state; when they work together to better themselves for the kingdom of God the society will be healthy, safe, and sane.

God made life to be made up of rules. We all have to be held accountable; God made laws not to hurt us but to help us. His laws govern moral, spiritual, and civil areas of life. This is His design and how He created life to be.

Government is an expression of God's nature. We are to be ruled over physically and spiritually. We have rights and responsibilities that should honor God. He created a government so the world would not be in total chaos. Politics and our country was built on the Bible; our founders had good intentions when it comes to building our country on a solid foundation. When we as Christians do not agree with politics we should look towards our greatest command; love God and love people. Everything else after that will fall into place. When we look to the Bible for

making the laws of the land it forms a consistent and total picture of a biblical worldview for politics.

Economics is all about money and working. Work is not a curse from God; it is a blessing. We as a human race were designed to work; God does not mean it as punishment. We should help those in need, but the people who need help should also work. God designed for us to have a free market system. This system allows for the individual to become free. We should be willing to help others, but we need to teach them how to work for themselves. It all comes down to loving God and one another.

Biblical history is astonishing. History shows us that our worldview is built on facts. There is historical evidence everywhere proving that Jesus really lived on earth and died on the cross to rise again three days later. We can still go today and look at the evidence of Jesus Christ living on this earth. There is a “linear” concept when it comes to the notion of history, all the way from Jesus’ birth to when Heaven is going to come down to this. We know He holds our future. We have assurance in Christ Jesus because history proves Him to be true.

I know I can defend my faith when anything comes my way because this study has taught me to do so. My faith is rooted in Jesus Christ and I will forever be thankful for all He does for me. *Thinking Like a Christian* has strengthened my faith and I now can look at life through Jesus’ eyes and not those of this evil world.