

WHOLISTIC WORLDVIEW V:

Worldview & Discipleship -God's Word as the Basis of a Christian Worldview

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(1 HOUR)

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. Participants will be able to understand the basis of a Christian worldview
 2. Participants will understand the need to tell the whole biblical story

OVERVIEW FOR TRAINERS: This is the third in a series of lessons that lay a theological foundation for wholistic ministry.

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<p>Role Play:</p> <p>1st Why do you take so much time studying the Old Testament with people before you tell them how they can have their sins forgiven? People are dying everyday. All they need to know is that if they will believe on the Lord Jesus, they will be saved?</p> <p>2nd If that is all people need to know, then why did God give us the Old Testament?</p> <p>1st There is a lot of good stuff in the Old Testament, but the one thing that people really need to know is how to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.</p> <p>2nd They certainly need to know that, but they also need to know the nature of man and his world, as well as the purpose and direction of history.</p> <p>1st Now you are starting to talk like a philosopher. The Lord did not command us to do philosophy. He commanded us to do evangelism.</p> <p>2nd He commanded us to make disciples of all nations.</p> <p>----SH questions---- S = What do you <u>See</u>? H = What is <u>H</u>appening?</p>	10"	
<p>I. Discovering how the biblical story shapes a persons worldview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Break into three small groups and have each group discuss what the Biblical story teaches about one of the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is man? 2. Where is history going? 3. What is the nature of the universe? 	20"	<p>The two people were debating how much of the Biblical story needs to be told.</p> <p>I. <u>The Biblical Story</u></p>




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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report back to the large group. A. What is man? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genesis 1:26a 2. Genesis 1:26b 3. Genesis 1:27-30 B. Where is history going? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genesis 3:14-19 2. Acts 3:21; Romans 8:20; 21. 3. Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 28:19, 20. 4. Revelation 21:1-6. C. What is the nature of the universe? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genesis 1:3,6,9,14,20,24; Hebrews 1:3. 2. I Thessalonians 5:23; Matthew 10:28 	20"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. What is man? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Man is made in the image of God. 2. Man has been given stewardship over the earth. He is co-creator with God - he is to develop the earth. God made the animals, but Adam named them, and God called them by the name that Adam gave. 3. Men and women stand equal before God in dignity and worth. The differences between men and women are to be celebrated as part of the full expression of who God is. B. Where is history going? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We live in a fallen world that that is in need of restoration. 2. The goal of Christ's mission is the restoration of all things. 3. God's intention is that all nations will be disciplined and all nations will be blessed. 4. The end of the story is the City of God where God dwells with man, and all pain, sorrow, and suffering have passed away. C. What is the nature of the universe? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The universe was created by God. Resources are created, not limited to what is in the ground. 2. The universe is both physical and spiritual, material and non-material. 3. The universe is an open system – open to God, to angels, and to the creative abilities of man.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. Compare the story of the Bible with the stories of animism and secularism. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Return to the same three small groups. Give each group the set of pictures corresponding to the question they discussed earlier. Ask them to compare the answers the Bible gives to the answers given by animism and secularism, and to put them on a chart. Report back 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. <u>Comparison</u>

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<p>to the large group.</p> <p>A. What is man?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>B. Where is history going?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>C. What is the nature of the universe?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	10"	<p>A. What is man?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Animism: Man is a spirit 2. Secularism: Man is an animal, a mouth and a stomach, the consumer of resources. 3. Theism: Man is created in God's image. He is a living soul, material and non-material. He has a body, mind, and heart. He is the steward of the earth, responsible for its development. Men and women are different, but equal before God in dignity and worth. <p>B. Where is history going?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Animism: History is on a wheel, going around in endless cycles. 2. Secularism: Time is running out. 3. Theism: History is going somewhere because God has a purpose. <p>C. What is the nature of the universe?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Animism: The system of nature is unimportant; it's passing away, we just need to wait to get off of it. 2. Secularism: Nature is a closed system with limited resources. Matter is all there is. 3. Theism: The universe is an open system created and inhabited by God. It is both material and non-material. The immaterial produces the material.
<p>III. Discuss the following: What are the implications of what we have just studied in the process of making disciples?</p>		<p>III. <u>Implications for Discipleship</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. It is important to study the whole Bible and not just the message of the forgiveness of sins. B. The process of discipleship is a process of changing a person's worldview. C. Changes in a person life and in the life of a community are the direct result of a change in worldview.

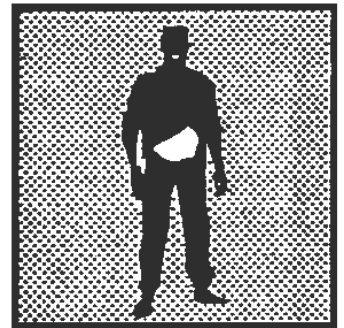
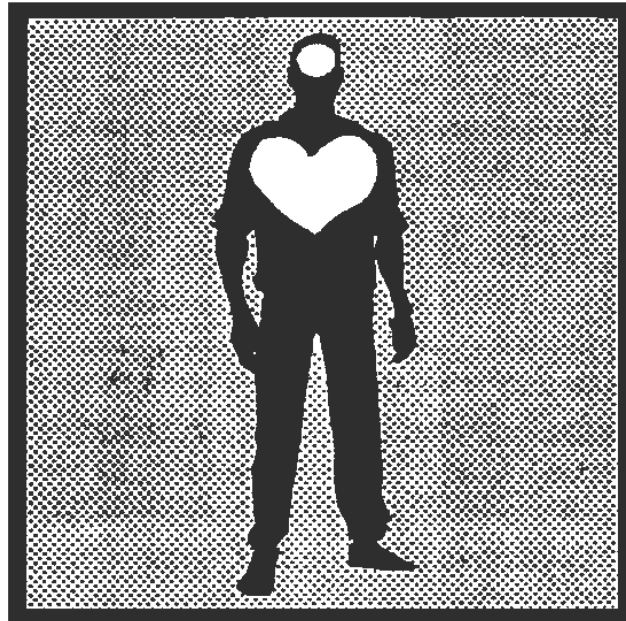
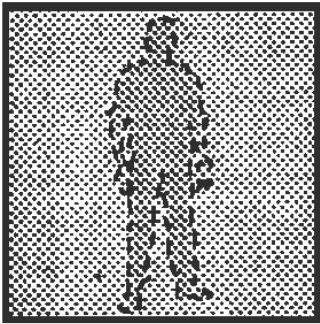
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<p><u>ATTITUDE:</u> Facilitator understands how worldviews affect how we view others and the world around us.</p>		
<p><u>SKILL:</u> Participants will be able to understand the basis of a Christian worldview and will understand the need to tell the whole biblical story.</p>		
<p><u>EVALUATION:</u> Facilitators will know participants have learned the content of this lesson when they display a Christian worldview and are able to tell the whole biblical story.</p>		
<p><u>MATERIALS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Newsprint -Marking pens -Masking tape -<i>What is Man</i> picture -<i>Where History is Going</i> picture -<i>Nature of the Universe</i> picture 		

This lesson is used in: Spiritual – Worldview and Wholistic Ministry, Samaritan Strategy; Program Trainings – SALT, Urban TOT – Extra, Vision, Vision – Mobilizing the Church

What is Man?



Where History is Going



Nature of th of the Universe

