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#1 Worldviews In Focus

What is a Worldview?

- A worldview is a set of presuppositions which we hold consciously or subconsciously about the basic makeup of our world.
- A worldview is a network of assumptions about the nature of reality
- A worldview is a system of beliefs about life and the world we live in

YOUR UNCHALLENGED BELIEF SYSTEM!

WHAT QUESTIONS DOES A WORLDVIEW ATTEMPT TO ANSWER?

1. What is the nature of reality?
2. How did it all get here?
3. Is there a God?
4. What is the nature of man?
5. What is the basis of ethics and morality?
6. What happens after we die?
7. What is the meaning of history?
8. How can we know that we know?

THE WORLDVIEW OF GOD

Isaiah 40:10 (NIV) See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? ¹³Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor? ¹⁴Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding? ¹⁵Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. ¹⁶Lebanon is not

sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. ¹⁷Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

Isaiah 40:18 To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare him to? ¹⁹As for an idol, a craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and fashions silver chains for it. ²⁰A man too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot. He looks for a skilled craftsman to set up an idol that will not topple.

Isaiah 40:21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? ²²He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. ²³He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. ²⁴No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

Isaiah 40:25 "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Isaiah 40:27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Family Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe God to someone if they did not know anything about Him?
2. What is your favorite thing about God?
3. Read Isaiah 40:8 and as a family, talk about what it means.

BIBLE READING PLAN

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