



WORLDVIEW PROLOGUE

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NOTES:

1. Where did we come from? **Origin**

Genesis 1:1, Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20, Psalm 33:6,9, John 1:3

2. What is my purpose in life? **Purpose**

Genesis 1:26-27, Ephesians 2:10

3. What determines right and wrong? **Morality**

Genesis 3:11-12, Genesis 6:5

3. What is life after death? **Destiny**

Job 14:1-2,14, Hebrews 9:27, Matthew 13:42, John 3:36, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Revelation 1:8, John 8:58

RECOURSES:

We Will Not Be Silenced - Erwin W. Lutzer

Thriving In Babylon - Larry Osborne

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

Review:

Last week we discussed the importance of viewing all of life through the authoritative lens of God's Word. Did you do any of the five suggested resource/challenge items.

This Week's Sermon:

1. This week, Jeff presented a "prologue" about worldview by focusing on 4 key questions:
 - a. Origin - Where do we come from?
 - b. Purpose - What is my purpose for life?
 - c. Morality - What determines right and wrong?
 - d. Destiny - What is life after death? (Or "what happens when I die?")

How have you wrestled with these questions? What life events tend to trigger these kinds of questions? Where have you turned for answers in the past?

2. Most of us don't even ponder these questions let alone try and answer them. Which of these reasons do you feel is the main reason we avoid asking these big questions?
 - a. We're don't let ourselves go that deep.
 - b. We're too busy with other things to think about.
 - c. We feel insecure and inadequate to answer with these difficult questions.
 - d. We get uncomfortable because we aren't sure of the answers.
 - e. Something else?

Note: For each topic, make sure you read the corresponding passage.

3. Origin. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 139:13-16) When have you experienced the question of origin? How have you encountered this question from someone else? What current issues would trigger a discussion on the origin of life? How can we encourage those we know to think about this "origin question"?
4. Purpose. (Psalm 86:9, Romans 11:36) Everyone wants to know what the purpose of their life truly is. Why is this question of purpose such an interesting and appealing topic? How could you start a discussion about purpose with someone?
5. Jeff said, "The ultimate purpose of man, according to the Bible is simply to glorify God." Read the following passages. What actions are associated with God's glory?
 - 1 Chronicles 16:24
 - Psalm 29:1; 66:2; 96:7
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
6. Morality. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:24) "What determines right and wrong?" and "who gets to decide?" is a very relevant question in today's world. Apart from the Bible, how is this determination made? When it comes to the Bible, are the "rules" permanent or evolving? What happens when the rules get fuzzy?
7. Why is this question of morality such a tough and sensitive one?
8. Read Judges 21:2. This verse is such a clear description of a world without absolute morality. How have you seen this verse happening in our culture now?
9. Destiny. (Hebrews 9:27; John 5:24) Why do people avoid dealing with the destiny question? When are we most drawn to address this question of destiny, and what answers have you heard in response to the destiny question?
10. How would you summarize a Biblical worldview in just a few statements to a non-believing friend?

Additional Resources and Challenges:

- Read - *The Good Life* by Charles Colson or *We Will Not Be Silenced* by Erwin Lutzer. These books offer a great perspective on our current culture and how it attempts to answer these four key questions.
- Ask - Be on the alert to ask one of these four key questions this week with the goal of simple dialogue, not a debate.
- Watch - Keep your radar tuned to how these questions subtly surface through the media in the next week.
- Meditate/Memorize - Review one Bible verse from each key question and see if you can lock it into your memory.
- Study - Begin watching the worldview series on RightNow Media taught by RC Sproul.