

"... Worldviews: What We Believe Really Matters!"

(Proverbs 23:7; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, ...)

I. Introduction:

A. Inception (Christopher Nolan)

- Planting a thought deep
- The person believes it is his/her own thought
- Live in light of that thought (lie)

B. Influence (Our Enemies)

- The **strategy** of the devil (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- The **sway** of society (1 John 2:15-17)
- The **seduction** of the flesh (James 1:13-15)

C. Impact (Our Lord)

- A call to **truth** (John 8:31-32)
- A call to **The Truth** (John 8:36; 14:6)

II. Exposition: Worldviews: What We Believe Really Matters!

A. The commands of Scripture

1. Proverbs 23:7

- You are not what you think you are. What you think, you are.

2. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

B. The categories of topics discussed

<u>Theological</u>	↔	<u>Moral/Cultural</u>
God		Human Sexuality
The Bible		Pornography
Evil		Money
Jesus: The Only Way?		Politics
Those Who Haven't Heard?		Racism
Hell: Eternal?		Gratitude
Missions		Depression
Heaven: Believers' Home		2020 Vision
Incarnation		Abortion
Worldviews		Church – Cycles of Life

B. The Comparisons & Contrasts of the Worldviews

1. Naturalism – Atheism/Agnosticism

- How does it affect theology?
- How does it affect morality?
- How does it affect culture?

2. Transcendentalism – Buddhism/Hinduism

- How does it affect theology?
- How does it affect morality?
- How does it affect culture?

3. Theism – Judaism, Christianity, Islam

- How does it affect theology?
- How does it affect morality?
- How does it affect culture?

III. Conclusion:

- How Should We Then Live? (Francis Schaeffer, 1979)
- How Now Shall We Now Live? (Charles Colson, 1999)

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Which of the topics discussed in the past 19 messages was most meaningful/impactful to you and why?
3. As Christians, we continue to point people to truth and The Truth, the Lord Jesus Christ. How are we to do that in a culture that does not hold to absolute truth?
4. Why is what we think and how we think so important?
5. Compare and contrast the three major worldviews presented. How can you defend the theistic worldview against the others?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion and why?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)