

4) To _____ ...

We _____ A _____.

5) Our _____ ... Is A _____ Of _____.

Worldview 101

The Key Question

⇒ _____ ... Is Your _____?

Barna found that only 17 percent of Christians who consider their faith important and attend church regularly hold to a biblical worldview. To be clear, that's not 17 percent of all Americans or even 17 percent of Christians. That's 17 percent of Christians who consider their faith important and attend church regularly. Once again, we see that people with a biblical worldview are hard to find today—even in churches.

(Natasha Crain, *Faithfully Different*)

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Worldview 101
A Couple Definitions

⇒ An Academic Definition

A worldview is a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart, that can be expressed as a story or in a set of presuppositions (assumptions which may be true, partially true, or entirely false) that we hold (consciously or subconsciously, consistently or inconsistently) about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides a foundation on which we live and move and have our being.
 (James W. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, Sixth Edition)

⇒ A Working Definition

A worldview is our big picture view of reality. It is based on our deepest assumptions about the most important questions of life.
 . . . assumptions about the nature of reality.
 (Natasha Crain, *Faithfully Different*)

[Our worldview] is simply the sum total of our beliefs about the world, the "big picture" that directs our daily decisions and actions.
 (Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey, *How Now Shall We Live?*)

Worldview 101
Five Key Principles

1) _____ . . . Has A _____.

Few people have anything approaching an articulate philosophy—at least as epitomized by the great philosophers. Even fewer, I suspect, have a carefully constructed theology. But everyone has a worldview.
 (James W. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, Sixth Edition)

Everyone has a worldview, whether they have consciously arrived at their answers to life's biggest questions or not.
 (Natasha Crain, *Faithfully Different*)

2) _____ . . .

_____ A _____.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

3) _____ Is _____ . . .

For _____.

To engage the world, however, requires that we understand the great ideas that compete for people's minds and hearts. . . . The culture war is not just about abortion, homosexual rights, or the decline in public education. These are only the skirmishes. The real war is a cosmic struggle between worldviews—between the Christian worldview and the various secular and spiritual worldviews arrayed against it. This is what we must understand if we are going to be effective in both evangelizing our world today and in transforming it to reflect the wisdom of the Creator.
 (Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey, *How Now Shall We Live?*)