



WORLDVIEW

Truth, Revealed • Week 4: February 5

READING ASSIGNMENT

To prepare for this week's LG study and discussion, please read the following pages in *Faithfully Different*:

Faithfully Different – Natasha Crain

- Chapter 5, "Reestablishing What We (Should) Actually Believe" (pp.89-109)
- Chapter 9, "Reinvigorating the Spirit of Discernment" (pp. 171-189)

GETTING STARTED

This weekend we continued our series *Worldview* by looking at what three different, competing worldviews say the ultimate source of truth is. We learned that for the Christ-follower with a Biblical worldview, God is the *Author of Truth* and Jesus is the *Ultimate Revelation of His Truth*.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. At the beginning of the message Dre quoted Pontius Pilate in John 18:37-38, who retorted against Jesus, "*What is truth?*" Before this week's message, how would you have defined truth and how would you have said we discover what is true?
2. This weekend we once again looked at two worldviews that are widely held in our culture, Naturalism and Postmodernism. Each has their own answer to the question *Who Or What Has The Authority To Determine Truth?* Simply put: Naturalism holds that truth is determined by what we can see and touch; Postmodernism holds that truth is determined by the individual person.
 - a. In what ways do you see Naturalism's view of truth expressed in the culture around us?
 - b. Imagine that you're in a conversation with a close friend and they say, "Truth is only what science can study, what we can see with our senses. You can't really know there is a God because you can't sense Him reliably or study what He is like." Based on our study in this series so far, how might you respond?
 - c. In what ways do you see Postmodernism's view of truth expressed in the culture around us?
 - d. Imagine that you're hanging out with a close family member. In response to you sharing your opinion on a moral issue, they say "Well sure that works for you, but for me, that's just not my truth. I committed a long time ago to only live out my truth and not care about the truths of others." How might you respond?

3. In Chapter 5, page 101, of *Faithfully Different*, Natasha Crain has a small section under the heading “Principle 2.” Reread that paragraph and then summarize the point she is making in your own words.
4. After having read chapter 5 of *Faithfully Different*, how do you think a person’s view of love is impacted by their worldview?
5. One of the key truths from the weekend message is that *God Actively Declares Truth Through Revelation*. The Bible makes it clear that God has revealed Himself in creation through General Revelation that is available for everyone to see.
 - a. Read Psalm 19:1-6, Psalm 50:1-6 and Romans 1:19-20.
 - b. According to these passages, how does creation show us what God is like?
 - c. What is one aspect of creation that, to you, displays an aspect of God?
6. We also learned that, according to the Biblical worldview, God has revealed Himself to us through *Special Revelation*—through specific people or miracles, recorded as scripture. Through His Word God has revealed aspects of Himself that we would not see just by observing nature.
 - a. Take a few moments to read any of the Psalms in the Bible. Look for 3 things that the Psalms say about who God is and write them down in your journal, along with the chapter and verse in which you found them.
 - b. Of the 3 things you wrote down, which might we have been able to tell through *General Revelation* (creation) and which would we have only known about God if He told us (*Special Revelation*)?
7. In the message this weekend, we saw that *Jesus is the Ultimate Revelation Of Truth*. Through Jesus, God most clearly shows us what He is like. Colossians 1:15 says, “*The Son is the image of the invisible God.*” What is one thing that we learn about God uniquely through Jesus’ life, ministry, death and/or resurrection?
8. Beginning on page 173, Natasha Crain lists several types of false “Jesuses” that are commonly accepted but not reflective of the Jesus of the Bible. Reread or skim those headings and descriptions again.
 - a. What are some of the false Jesuses that you see reflected in our culture?
 - b. Which (if any) of the false Jesuses have you found yourself drawn to?