



WORLDVIEW

The Problem & The Solution • Week 5: February 12



READING ASSIGNMENT

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

Faithfully Different – Natasha Crain

- Chapter 10, "Revitalizing the Call to Biblical Justice" (pp. 193-214)

Mama Bear Apologetics – Hillary Morgan Ferrer, General Editor

- Chapter 12, "I'm Not Religious; I'm Spiritual" (pp. 199-212) (You can download this PDF from the Worldview Life Group Study Website.)



GETTING STARTED

This weekend we continued in our new *Worldview* series by exploring two key questions that every worldview must answer: Why is there evil in the world and what is the solution?

As you begin the study, read this passage below:

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. **Micah 6:8**



STUDY QUESTIONS

1. As you think back over the message this last weekend and the two chapters of reading, what stood out to you the most?

2. This past weekend Michael explored three of the most popular *answers* different worldviews give to the question, "How do we fix society?" They are:

- *Spiritual Illumination*
- *Environment and Education*
- *Social Structures*

- a. How would you explain to someone what these three *answers* mean?
- b. How have these *answers* influenced the way people in your life (friends, family, co-workers, etc.) view the solution to society's problems?
- c. Which of these answers do you see seeping into the Christian worldview the most? Why do you think that is?

3. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. In this passage, Paul explains why the world is the way it is and what God has done to rescue our race.
 - a. How does Paul describe what the core problem of human society?
 - b. What is the solution that he describes? How does this solution differ from the other worldviews?
 - c. How is this solution viewed by our culture at large?
 - d. How do you think we can explain this solution in a way that seems both reasonable and attractive to a nonbeliever in our culture?

4. In chapter 10 of *Faithfully Different*, Natasha Crain helps us understand one of the differences between social justice and biblical justice. She writes, “[a] key takeaway ... is that secular social justice and biblical justice advocates disagree on what constitutes oppression because ultimately, they have **a different standard of justice.**” (p. 200)
 - a. How does she describe the difference between secular social justice and biblical justice? Do you agree with her? Why or why not?
 - b. What are some of the ways you see Christ-followers engaging in biblical justice in our culture right now?
 - c. What is a practical way you could be living out biblical justice in your current circumstances?

5. In chapter 12 of *Mama Bear Apologetics*, the author writes about the “new spirituality” that is so popular in our culture right now.
 - a. She starts this chapter with a story about how new age spirituality can trickle into Christian circles. How have you seen new age spirituality enter Christian circles?
 - b. Are there any phrases you’ve heard Christ-followers say that has more to do with new spirituality than a biblical worldview? What are they?
 - c. What are some ways we can grow in our discernment, so we recognize when new age spirituality is trying to infiltrate biblical Christianity?