



WORLDVIEW

Building Bridges • Week 7: February 26



READING ASSIGNMENT

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

Faithfully Different – Natasha Crain

- Chapter 12: "Reshaping Our Hearts for Sharing the Gospel" (pp. 237-254)

Mama Bear Apologetics – General Editor Hillary Morgan Ferrer

- Chapter 3: "The Discerning Mama Bear". (You can download this PDF from the Worldview Life Group Study Website.)



GETTING STARTED

This weekend we concluded our series *Worldview... Renewing Your Mind*. This study will reflect on the entire series, as well as ask questions about the final message.

Before you start, take a few moments to pause, reflect, and meditate on the following verse:

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4:5-6**



STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1) As you look back on the entire *Worldview* series, what are one or two of the most helpful lessons learned? How have you grown as a result of this series?
- 2) Have you had the opportunity to apply something you've learned from this series when engaging with someone who holds a different worldview? If so, explain.
- 3) One of the goals of this series was to better equip both our *minds* and *hearts* to engage with others who don't share a biblical worldview. **Read 1 Peter 3:13-16** several times slowly and carefully. Jot down any words or phrases that jump out at you.
 - a. What do you think Peter means when he says we are *blessed* even though we suffer? How have you experienced this in your own life?
 - b. Peter calls us to engage a culture that is often hostile towards a biblical worldview with *gentleness* and *respect*. How would you define each word?
 - c. How do you think showing both qualities can help people to see Jesus in us? Explain.
 - d. What some situations in which you struggle to show *gentleness* and *respect* towards someone with an opposing worldview? Pause right now and pray for the Lord to strengthen these traits in you.

4) Reread 1 Peter 3:15. Notice the emphasis on “YOU.” Peter’s charge is a personal one: be ready to share why you believe in the biblical worldview.

- a. Our personal stories are often powerful tools in sharing Christ with others. Why do you think that is?
- b. Reflect on your story-what was it that led you to discover the truth of Jesus in the first place?
- c. Share a time when you had the opportunity to share your story with someone who held a different worldview. How did it go? Were you excited? Nervous?

5) This weekend, Pastor Michael suggested five important steps we need to take to share Christ well in our culture:

1. Embrace . . . Our Assignment.
2. Develop . . . A Missionary Mindset.
3. Start . . . By Building Bridges.
4. Lead . . . With Questions.
5. Make The Most . . . of Every Opportunity.

- a. Which of these five steps was most helpful to you, and why?
- b. Which of the five do you find the most challenging? Why?

6) If we are going to grow in our ability to share Christ, we need to learn how to discern what’s true in each worldview or ideology, and what isn’t. Read the following quotes from *Mama Bear Apologetics*:

Biblical discernment means identifying both the good and the bad. ... There are no Christians so theologically sound that they’re never wrong, and there are no atheists so bad that they’re never right. It doesn’t happen. There is only one perfect man—Jesus, and one perfect book—the Bible. Most everything else will be a mixture of truth and error. ... Discernment is a process, and it doesn’t stop at identifying the good and bad elements within culture. We must know why certain things are considered good or bad.

- a. Before reading this chapter, how would you have defined “discernment”? Has your definition changed because of this reading or this weekend’s message?
- b. Michael shared that when we identify what’s right or good or true in any non-Christian worldview or ideology, we can use that to build a bridge between ourselves and nonbelievers, so we can share Christ more effectively. How would you explain this concept in your own words?
- c. Can you think of an example of some concept or belief that is right, or true or good in a non-Christian worldview or ideology?

7) Read pages 232-233 from chapter 11 of *Faithfully Different*, where Natasha Crain gives some great examples of how to build bridges when sharing Christ with nonbelievers. Read these pages and then answer the following question:

- a) What are two of three of her practical suggestions you find most helpful?

8) Michael ended the message by asking two questions:

- a) What . . . Is Your Next Step?
 - b) Who is God Calling You ... To Build A Bridge To?
- How did you answer both of these questions?

9) Finally, let’s close this study with some prayer. Go before the Lord and ask Him to continue to lead you in the following areas:

- a. To help you to continue to develop a truly biblical worldview.
- b. To give you a fresh love and passion for those in your life who hold a different worldview.
- c. To find the courage to step into the opportunities God provides to share truth.