



**Thinking like
A Christian**

Theology: Getting the Center Centered
Lesson 1 (Colossians 2:1-12)

1. While everyone has the right to choose the lens through which they view the world and make decisions, many are unaware of the lens they use.
Colossians 2:8-23
2. Your “worldview” is based on what you begin with at the center of the picture.
Genesis 1:1
Atheism - In the beginning no God
Theism – in the beginning God
Cosmic Humanism - Everything is God
3. Without a centered worldview each decision to be made on its own.
Romans 1:18-32
4. A Christian worldview sees everything through the lens of God’s action in Christ Jesus.
Colossians 2:2-8 & II Corinthians 10:3-5

The BIG IDEA - Where does GOD fit in your picture?



For Life Group Discussion:

1. How has your view of the universe changed since you were a child? What assumptions did you bring to your view of the universe when you were small? How have those assumptions changed? How has that change impacted your view of the world?
2. Read Colossians 2:2-16 What is Paul worried will “capture” the minds of the believers to whom he is writing? What examples of these foes can you think of in today’s world? How can one tell if one is “captured”?
3. Read II Corinthians 10:3-5. What kind of battle does Paul describe? Why is the battle over ideas so important to him? How is this felt in your life?
4. In Romans 1:18-32 Paul describes the results of one worldview. What is it? What are the results? What is this picture meant to teach us? How does your worldview impact your opinions in politics, ecology and economics? Do these have anything to do with our faith?
5. Read Genesis 1:1-3 together out loud and pray for God’s strength in maintaining Him at the center of your view of the world this week.



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Philosophy: Getting Real about Reality
Lesson 2 (II Corinthians 4:16-19)

1. Our worldview shapes our perception of reality and is based in a personal philosophy. Proverbs 3:13-14 & Colossians 2:8-9
Philosophy - The love of wisdom
2. Philosophy asks, “What is real and how can I know it?”
Acts 17:18-21
Naturalism - Reality is only the physical
Non-Naturalism – Reality is only the non-physical
Supernaturalism - Reality is both.
3. These views have significant impacts on one’s world view.
What you see is what you get. II Peter 3:3-7
Perception is reality Genesis 1:1-3
Seeing beyond the seen. II Corinthians 4:16-5:5

The BIG IDEA - Where do you get your reality?

Proverbs 3:9-22

Science -

Intuition -

Revelation -

For Life Group Discussion:

1. What kind of slogans that are “life philosophies” have you heard? How do these represent a certain world view? Why is a philosophic idea so powerful?
2. Read Colossians 2:8-9 Why is Paul worried about philosophy? How does this compare with Proverbs 3:13-14? Where does the writer suggest you look for wisdom?
3. Review the three answers to the question: What is real? How does each impact a person’s world view? What philosophy is described in II Peter 3:3-7? What is the problem the writer points out?
4. Read II Corinthians 4:16-5:5 How does Paul deal with the question of philosophy? In what sense is Christ the answer to that question?
5. Share places where you have seen a worldview being shared or promoted this week. Discuss a Christ-centered response to that worldview and pray for God’s wisdom and guidance as you live with a Christian worldview this week.

