

MY WORLDVIEW

From the series – Donkeys, Elephants and the Lamb

SUMMARY...

A worldview is the lens through which you view and interpret life and all the events that happen in life. Holding onto a man-centric humanistic worldview will only lead us to turn towards *man* for solutions to the brokenness within our world. A Biblical worldview causes us to ask, 'what does God think about this topic?' and however the Bible answers that question is how we are to think about that topic. This enables God's thoughts to shape our thoughts; God's responses to shape our responses to the world around us. Ultimately, a Biblical worldview will lead us to turn to Jesus, our only hope for reconciliation with God and one another.

Three questions help us understand our current worldview:

- 1. Do you understand the times?
- 2. Is what's happening in our world leading you to pray?
- 3. Are you turning to the Lamb?

QUESTIONS FROM THE TEXT...

- 1. In John 1:29, John the Baptist refers to Jesus as 'the Lamb of God.' Why does John use this imagery and what does it say about John's worldview?
- 2. As you turn to Genesis 1, what do we learn about God, namely, who He is and the world that He created? Focus specifically on <u>Genesis 1:1</u> and <u>1:31</u>.
- 3. Read <u>Genesis 3:6</u> what happened that man turned so quickly from God, and what were the consequences both to our relationship with God and one another? Consider also what <u>Isaiah 59:2</u> and <u>James 4:1</u> say as you answer this question.
- 4. Read <u>1 Peter 5:8</u> and Ephesians 6:12 what do these passages teach us about spiritual warfare?
- 5. What do we learn about prayer in <u>Daniel 9:1-19</u>, specifically how to pray when circumstances are beyond unbearable?
- 6. How are we to understand and apply Jesus' invitation and its implications in Matthew 4:19?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE...

- 1. How would you describe your current worldview? And how is your current worldview shaping how you react and respond to all that is happening in the world?
- 2. Why do we often turn to 'donkeys' and 'elephants' for solutions to the problems in this world rather than turning to the 'Lamb'?
- 3. Why are we often content to fight with one another making the battle between the 'left' vs. 'right' rather than seeing that the true battle taking place is a spiritual one?
- 4. In what ways is Jesus part of your life, and in what areas is he not? Are there areas in which you have yet to surrender to Jesus because you are still inserting your will and way rather than submitting to His will and way? How can you pray into this?