

In what area of your life has it been hardest for you to “seek first God’s kingdom”? Why is that? What would that area of your life look like if you were seeking God’s agenda first?

How will setting God’s ways as your “true north” impact your relationships? How will you apply these verses to your relationship choices today?

Thank God today that He has clearly shared His heart with you in the Bible. Thank Him for His love for you and the plan He has for your life. Pray that your life choices will reflect God’s heart. Ask Him to give you the faith and the courage to trust what He says in His word.

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and be sure you’ve got this week’s memory verse memorized. Please pray for our community. Pray that God will reach into many hearts and that God will use TLC to be a beacon of His love and grace. Pray that the services this weekend will honor God.

Prayer Updates

JOY & BLESSING

Allen and Katie Wade welcome Audrey Anna into their hearts and home, born August 19.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Don Edwards (age 94, Lois Dickman’s father) – out of coma, improving
Jeannie Carlson – congestive heart failure
John Galli – diverticulitis
Michelle Stewart – cancer surgery

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Roberly Bedayan

Hospice care: Jane Evers

HOME WITH THE LORD

Word was received that a memorial service for Bernice Steelsmith is planned for 1:30pm, Tuesday, August 29 at Aptos Christian Church. Please remember her husband, Samuel, in prayer at this difficult time of loss.

40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY (Preview Weekend 9/23–24)

Prayer Focus: THE CAMPAIGN TEAM

Pray for each person involved in the leadership & inner workings of the 40 days of Community to rely on God’s sufficiency & strength.
...for unity, harmony and lasting friendships to develop among team members.
...that the families of all pastors, staff & lay leaders on the Campaign Team will be prayerful & supportive during this busy season.
...for the effective communication of plans between the Campaign leaders & the church staff & ministry leaders.
...for God’s anointing power to accomplish great things through each team member.

“Whenever God determines to do a great work, He first sets His people to pray” – C.H. Spurgeon

Reframing Your Worldview

“Why Does It Matter What I Believe?”

Message by René Schlaepfer, August 26 & 27, 2006

What’s A Worldview?

My Worldview: The Beliefs I Build My Life On

“Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature. The old has passed away, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Seven Popular Worldviews

- **“The One With Most Toys Wins”:** _____
Jesus: “A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15
- **“Me First”:** _____
Jesus: “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life.” Matthew 16:25 (NLT)
- **“Do Whatever Feels Good”:** _____
“He who loves pleasure will become poor...” Proverbs 21:17
- **“Whatever Works For You”:** _____
“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” Proverbs 14:12
- **“God Doesn’t Exist Or Matter”:** _____
“For since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse... Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools” Romans 1:20-22
- **“Keeping Rules And Rituals Earns God’s Blessing”:** _____
“The word of the LORD to them will become: Do and do, do and do, rule on rule, rule on rule; a little here, a little there...” Isaiah 28:13
- **“God Saved Me By Grace For His Purposes”:** _____
“God saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.” 2 Timothy 1:9

Why Does It Matter What I Believe?

“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.” Proverbs 4:23 (TEV)

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15,16

How Can I Strengthen My Worldview?

1. _____ what is true

“The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.” Matthew 7:25

2. _____ what is false

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1

3. _____ from the world to the Word

“Don’t become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit in without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Unlike the culture around you always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you and develops well-formed maturity in you. His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 (Message)

“A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash.” Pr. 15:14 (NLT)

4. _____ myself with God’s agenda

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

“Stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.” 1 Cor. 14:20

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week’s topic

Monday

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16–21. Look at the list of popular worldviews. How do you see these around you? Which “lens” do you tend to view the world through? How often do you think about your worldview?

What do these verses say about God’s perspective on your worldview?

Write down two ways you can apply what you learned in last weekend’s sermon.

Thank God today that faith is a whole-life commitment. Thank Him for giving you a mind to think with. Pray that you will take the opportunity this week to think about your worldview. Ask God to give you a soft heart towards His voice. Pray that your faith will grow and you’ll be a shining light in the lives of others.

Tuesday

Read Deuteronomy 32:46-37 & Matthew 7:24-27. How does the world define “true”? How have you seen this? Take an honest look at your life. How do you see the world’s definition of “true” in your thinking?

How does the Matthew passage illustrate the importance of truth? What types of “rain and wind” have beaten down on you lately? What have you learned about your foundation of truth from those events?

What practical steps can you take to spend time learning what is true?

Tuesday (continued)

Thank God today for the ultimate truth that is found in Him. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you feel shaky about what is true. Pray that God will lead you as you pursue the truth. Ask God to give you the courage and strength to continue this pursuit.

Wednesday

Read Proverbs 3:21-22 Philippians 1:9-11 & 1 John 4:1. Recall a time in your life when you did not exercise discernment in a choice. What were the results of that?

How do these verses describe the importance of discernment? Who in your life always seems to be able to quickly hone in on what is true?

How does discernment impact your worldview?

Think about the choices facing you today. How can you exercise discernment in those choices?

Thank God today for the discernment He gives you. Thank Him that He has not left you alone in your choices. Talk to Him about the decisions you are facing right now. Ask for His wisdom and guidance. Pray that you will encounter wise counsel. Ask God to give you the patience to be willing to wait for the right decision.

Thursday

Read Psalm 119 (I know it’s long – but try it!) & Romans 12:2. Psalm 119 is a classic passage on the importance of God’s word in your life. Write down five things Psalm 119 says about the importance of God’s word.

Having the Bible as your source of truth is such a treasure. To what sources does the world look for truth? What has your experience been with this?

How have you made learning God’s word a priority? How has increasing your knowledge of God’s word impacted your thinking?

What practical steps can you take to increase your daily interaction with God’s word?

Thank God today for His word. Thank Him for the freedom you have to study and memorize His word. Pray that you will make studying and memorizing the Bible a priority. Ask God to give you the wisdom to apply what you’ve learned in His word.

Friday

Read Micah 6:8, Matthew 6:33, 22:36-40. According to these verses, what is God’s agenda? Be honest – how do you think your daily agenda usually matches that?

How does having a clear focus help you live out a godly worldview?

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Memory Verse

“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”
Proverbs 4:23

