

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Kingdom Worldview

A worldview is *a set of assumptions about the basic makeup of the world and how it works.*

1. To a Buddhist or Hindu: life is viewed as a miserable & pointless existence, which can only be avoided by achieving nirvana: a mental state of nothingness...a place where you stop wanting things & believe things will be better in the next life. Can you state the basic worldview of another religion culture or group?
2. What are some of the worldviews of secular western society?
3. The Great Commission (Matt 28:20) calls all believers to make disciples and to *teach them to obey the teachings of Jesus*. Give some examples of how Jesus' teaching brings positive social transformation.
4. This commission brings *substantial healing in every life, family, community & nation here and now, & then full, complete healing when Christ returns*. To what extent are we at TBC working toward this?

5. If the truth, beauty and goodness of Christ can replace the lies and ugliness of evil in our world, why are Christian nations still trapped in poverty, corruption, violence and brokenness?
6. The word 'repent' means '*to change one's mind*'. To see the world as God created it to be. To live within that framework by "*putting on the mind of Christ*" (1 Cor 2:16, Col 2:8 Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 10:5 Phil 2.12) this is a lifelong process called sanctification. Are you progressively becoming more like Christ?
7. The Pokomchi Indians are among the poorest people in Guatemala. New believers had gained a hope for the future, but not for today... This community symbolizes communities all over the world. God desires His people to exercise dominion and stewardship over creation. This produces transformational impact and sets people free from hopelessness, poverty and despair. Discuss.
8. Jesus came to earth and walked among us: We're to connect with our community and become a part of it. Too often it becomes all about us: '*what Jesus can do for me: my prosperity and blessing*'. Are we like flavourless salt or a blown light bulb? Discuss.
9. Pray that the good news of Jesus will continue to be transformational, producing joyful, flourishing, God honouring lives in our church, our community and our world.