

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Why a Christian Worldview Matters

(Haggai 1)

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. What is a worldview, and in particular, what is a Christian worldview? Have you considered what your worldview should contain and how it should be developed?

2. Review the six “acts” of history below. As a group, make a claim on each point, until a Christian worldview is developed. How should this “lens” play out in our parenting, our neighboring, our worklife....?
 - Creation
 - The Fall
 - Israel as a Chosen Nation
 - Redemption Accomplished
 - The Church- Restoration Begins
 - The Return – Restoration Completed

3. Why is it important to include Christian history in shaping our worldview? How should it give us confidence as we consider what happens around us and in our culture?

4. Read Haggai 1: 5-6, what are some of God’s complaints against the people of God in these verses? Can you draw any comparisons with life in Canada today? What signs do you see that Christians "build their own houses rather than God's"? How can we fight against this?

5. Read Ephesians 1: 13-14 and 22. How can these verses inspire confidence in our day-to-day lives? What areas do you struggle with which need to be committed to God’s sovereignty?

6. How does the ‘epidemic of noise’ affect you? What does it distract you from? Consider how you as a Christian can take some useful steps to address the “digital tension” that appears to be overwhelming our lives today.

7. Read Daniel 2:14-23 and 27-46.
 - a. How does the first passage demonstrate the way that God chooses to show us our place in time and use it to His glory?
 - b. How do verses 27-46 demonstrate the way that God uses all empires, both good and bad, to serve His ends? How did Daniel use this knowledge and the gifts God gave him to shine light into a dark world at his place and time in history?
 - c. What else can we learn from Daniel and his friends in this set of passages?

8. Read Haggai 1:12-15 and describe what it may look like to become the “presence” of God at West Highland, in your family , in your community.

9. How has this message helped you understand the importance of a Christian worldview for you?

Prayer Items:

1. Pray about West Highland’s presence in our community, representing the presence of God in our world. Pray, also for your presence in the lives of those around you, representing God’s activity in their lives.

2. Pray for the 39 individuals attending the *First Steps* class this semester – that their faith would be confirmed and that they would take steps forward in their walk with the Lord at West Highland.

3. Pray for those impacted by the bus/truck accident in Saskatchewan. Pray for God’s grace and activity through the work of the Christian community there.