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WORLDVIEW

WHAT IS WORLDVIEW?



Worldview is...

... a collection of the perceptions, assumptions and beliefs through which people within a specific culture see their world and interact with it.





Worldview influences our core beliefs:

- Who are we?
- Where did we come from?
- How did the world come to exist?
- Is there a God? Or other spiritual beings or forces? What is our relationship to him, or them?
- How do we determine what is right and wrong? Good and bad?
- Why is there evil and suffering in the world?
- What is our ultimate purpose in life?
- What happens when we die?



*The only truly
“correct”
worldview is a
biblical
worldview!*



WHY STUDY WORLDVIEW



Understanding WORLDVIEW...

... enables us to
pray more
specifically.



Understanding WORLDVIEW...

... helps us establish a
more beneficial *presence*
among our people.



Understanding
WORLDVIEW...

... allows us to
communicate the
gospel more effectively.



Understanding WORLDVIEW...

... helps us identify
bridges and barriers to
the gospel.



Understanding WORLDVIEW...

... it is the filter through
which a person or people
hears and understands the
gospel.



HOW CAN WE LEARN THE WORLDVIEW OF OUR UPPS?



Starting at home:

- *Read* everything you can get your hands on.
- Gather *information* from others who have experience with your UPP.
- Compile *demographic data* for your UPP.
- *Map* the geographic boundaries of your UPP.



Once you arrive on the field:

- Ask the right questions.
- Spend time with the right people.
- Observe! Be a listener and a learner!
- Compile your research data and share it with your team



“Worldview research is something we do
continually!”

It’s never a finished task!”



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TABLE DISCUSSION:

ENTRY AND WORLDVIEW

15:00

Take 15 minutes to discuss **ENTRY & WORLDVIEW**

- How would you best summarize the **ENTRY** component of the missionary task? Why is it important?
- When does **ENTRY** begin?
- What are the two most important takeaways from the talk on worldview? Why is understanding worldview important for all the components of the missionary task? How will it affect the way you do evangelism, discipleship, healthy church formation, and leadership development?
- How can you use what you learned about worldview to better access the people or place where your church is partnering?

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TABLE DISCUSSION:

RESEARCH

10:00

Take 10 minutes to discuss RESEARCH

What kinds of steps can you be taking to prepare even before you arrive on the field? Remember:

- **Read** everything you can get your hands on.
- Gather **information** from others who have experience with your UPP.
- Compile **demographic data** for your UPP.
- **Map** the geographic boundaries of your UPP.

Where will you find the information above? Who would be some good resources to help you to access this information?

How can you be prepared for when you arrive on the field? Remember:

- Ask the **right questions**.
- Spend **time** with the **right people**.
- **Observe!** Be a **listener** and a **learner!**
- Compile your **research data** and share it with your team.

What kinds of questions might you ask? Who would be good sources of information? Are you typically one who observes and listens, or do you usually feel like you have the answers? What steps might you need to take to prepare yourself to be a learner?

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