

DBU Worship Formation Program
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Questions on the Transforming Vision, chps. 1-2

Instructions:

- Pick a leader who will also be a spokesperson for your group
- Work your way through as many questions as possible
- Jot down key insights
- Be prepared to share these insights with the group at the end of our meeting

Questions for Chapter One: Worldview and Culture

1. How do Walsh and Middleton define worldview in this chapter? p. 17 Do you have anything pro or con to add to their definition? How would you define worldview?
2. What respective worldviews underlie the stories about (1) Anthony, (2) the practice of bathing babies, and (3) attitudes toward land?
3. Do you have any stories of your own to tell that illustrate how different worldviews are fleshed out or incarnated in cultural life?
4. If worldviews are expressed in the concrete particulars of cultural life, in what ways do you see a Christian worldview being manifested in our culture and society today? Or is a Christian worldview dormant for the most part in American culture (this is the authors' main concern)? If so, why? What could or should be done about this?
5. Agree or disagree and state why: "Christianity today is privately engaging, but publicly irrelevant."
6. What connection do you think there is, if any, between a person's worship and worldview, and how that worldview shows up in culture? For a Christian, what is the connection, if any, between worship, worldview, and culture?

Questions for Chapter Two: Analyzing Worldviews

1. What is the relationship of culture and worldview according to the diagram on p. 33? How might this diagram illuminate your own story? Do all of your beliefs and commitments come from a centralizing Christian worldview, or are there other influences at the center of your life?
2. The second major section of this chapter beginning on page 34 addresses differences between worldviews. What sets worldviews apart, and which worldviews around you seem most different from your own?
3. In what ways are worldviews faith commitments? How do you answer the four worldview questions that are at the center of a worldview faith commitment? p. 35
4. Explain the three basic tests that should be used to evaluate any worldview. Do you have any other tests that you think are important? pp.36-39
5. If worldviews are always open to correction and refinement, in what areas does your Christian worldview need improvement? p. 39
6. How many Christian worldviews are there? Is your Christian worldview really and truly biblical? How do you know? What role should Scripture play in worldview development? p. 39