

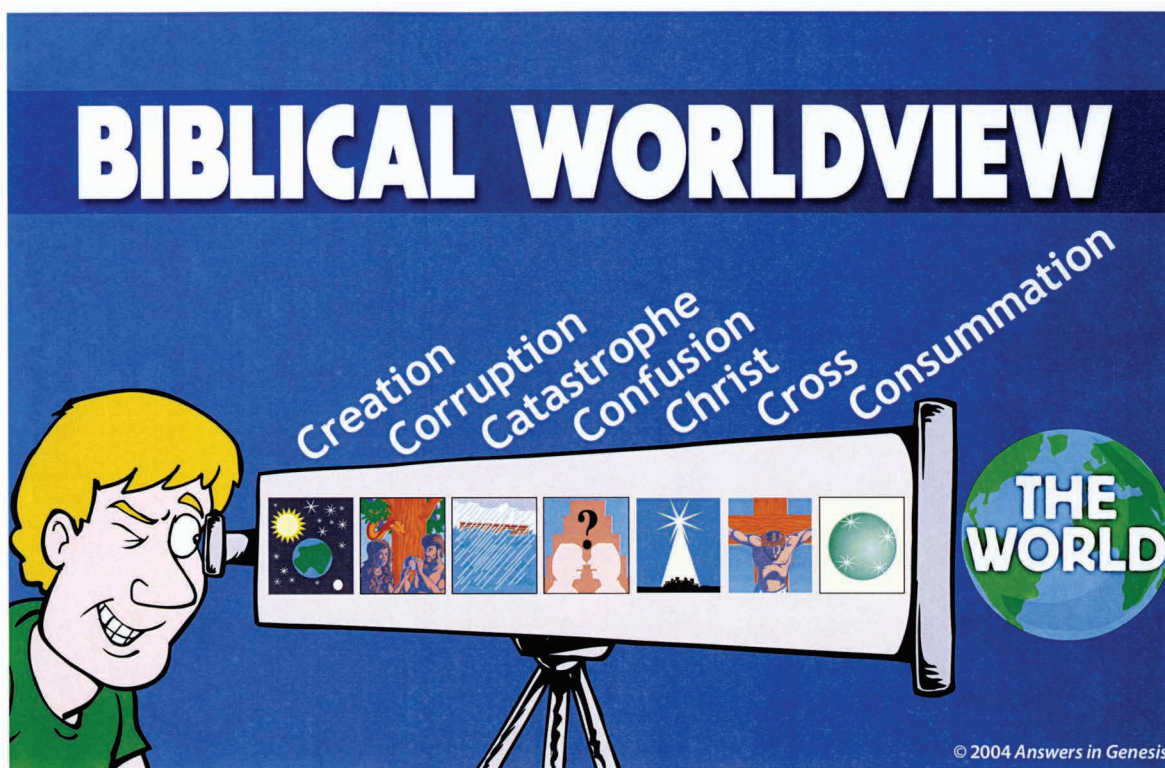
BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

1✓ *“Equipping the body of Christ to Engage in Radical, Gospel-driven, Personal Relationships.”*

—FPC Strategic Vision Focus Statement

Ephesians 4:11-13 ✓

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. ✓



It is impossible to fulfill and achieve our focus statement without first understanding to then be able to equip our church family on Biblical Worldview. This final Leadership Training Module is an Equipping Session that is different from all of the other sessions in at least two important ways:

2✓ 1. Christians / Church vs. All people

All of the other sessions were for Christians and how to relate to Christians / the Church. **This one is for all people (believers and unbelievers alike)** and how to relate to engage unsaved people.

2. Truthful Perspective and Priority

All of the previous sessions have provided you with spiritual tools to use as a church leader. Those sessions provided colors for the paint brush. They provided materials which are needed for a building. We must have the perspective of the Artist and Designer of Everything – God. **We must see ALL as He sees ALL.** ✓

****This session is the Tool box or Tool belt in which all of those tools are kept.**

We need different Tools at different times as God's Word and Spirit direct us, but all tools are to be kept and found in the tool box or tool belt. The tool box reminds us of the tools we have at our disposal and organizes them in such a way that we can quickly access the tools we need. The tool belt enables us to carry tools with us as we move and work so that the spiritual tools we have are ready for use when we need them, wherever we are.

****This session is the Canvas upon which all the Colors (of which You are one) rest and come together as the Artist (God) paints His portrait.** ✓

****This session is the Foundation upon which the entire building (our world and our faith) is supported and built.**

****This session is the only true and clear lens through which ALL of life can be understood in light of God's Truth.** All people without this lens can never see clearly from the fog that constantly engulfs them in this broken, sin-infested world.

- a. Viewing ALL of life through the lens of God's Truth
- b. Colors vs. Canvas.....Colors + Canvas + Painter = Painting; Art from Artist
- c. Building Materials vs. Foundation.....
Materials + Foundation + Builder = Building; from Designer ✓

3,4I. Eternity – The Mission of the Church

A. **The 2 Most Important Things on Earth – the only 2 Eternal Things on Earth**

1. **The Word of God**
2. **The Soul of Man** ✓

B. **Prioritizing Church Activity / Christian Conduct** 5

“Never mistake activity for achievement.” —John Wooden ✓

1. **Many Church Programs / Activities** 6
2. **Consider Character of God** 7
 - a. **Priorities?** Holiness vs. Rest
 - b. **Relationships?** 8
3. **The One True Mission/Purpose of the Church as given by Christ** 9✓

The Great Commission

Mark 16:15

¹⁵ *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation..."*

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* **10✓**

"Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men, but the keepers of the aquarium." —Paul Harvey

11 ✓ II. Survey Information

To begin, we need to take a look at the lay of the land in America and South Carolina. I want us to look at some survey results from Barna, Pew, Gallup and Ligonier.

A. State of the Church in America / Greenville – Church, Denomination, Disciple Decline

1. Since 2000, an average of 4000 churches / year have shut their doors
2. Every year, 2.7 million church members become inactive... that's 225,000 per month.
3. The United States now ranks third behind China and India in number of non-Christians.
4. Based on current trends, by 2025 only 15% of Americans will attend church.
5. Barna reports that perhaps **50% of those attending churches are not Christians.**
6. In New Orleans – 159 church plants in last 12 years, only 3 left today ✓
7. Denominational Affiliation Declines

****Down from 50% (2000) to 30% (2016) (Gallup, July 2017)**

8. Church – greatly Influenced by Culture **12**
 - a. True Disciples Declining (*John 6:15-21, 67-69*)
 - b. False Disciples Increasing (*John 6:22-66*)
 - c. Has modified its message to accommodate the culture (*2 Timothy 4:3*) ✓

2 Timothy 4:3

³ *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires.* ✓

B. AFCI Biblical Worldview Survey (February, 2017) – George Barna **13**

1. 46% of Americans claim to have a BWV
2. **10% of Americans actually have a BWV** (Integrated Disciple/SAGE CON*)
3. **Only 1 in 25 Millennials has a BWV** (Integrated Disciple/SAGE CON*)
4. 25% of Conservative Pastors believe Personal Evangelism is Optional ✓
5. **75% of "Christians" believe Personal Evangelism is Optional**
6. **Of the 25% who do Share their faith, 75% share biblically inaccurate info** **14**

"Only 2% of Christians regularly share their faith with another person."

—Bill Bright ✓

*SAGE CON = Spiritually Active, Governance Engaged Conservative

C. State of the Culture in America / Greenville

**** Present Age of Deception, Truth Suppression and Lies (2004-Present)**

Romans 1:18-32

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**,¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident ✓ to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that **they are without excuse**.²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but **they became futile in their speculations**, and **their foolish heart was darkened**.²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God ✓ for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. ²⁵ For **they exchanged the truth of God for a lie**, and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever. Amen. ✓

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to **degrading passions**; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. ✓

²⁸ And just as **they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer**, God gave them over to **a depraved mind**, to do those things which are not proper,²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, **haters of God**, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,³¹ **without understanding**, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;³² and **although they know the ordinance of God**, ✓ **that those who practice such things are worthy of death**, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them. ✓

III. Feelings Rule over Truth

“It matters not what doctrines a man adheres to, he can still be pious. His piety, the divine in his feelings, may be better than his doctrine...”

—Friedrich Schleiermacher ✓

A. History of Philosophy (in 60 seconds) – **The Umpire Analogy**

1. **Pre-Modernism** (Christ – 1789) – **“I call them as they are.”**

****Truth found in Scripture**

2. **Modernism** (1789-1989) – **“I call them as I see them.”** ✓

****Truth found in Science and Reason**

3. **Post-Modernism** (1989-Present) – **“I call them and that’s what they are.”**

****Truth cannot be found, because there is no truth**

a. **Most offensive thing you can say today?** **“I know the truth.”**

b. After 911, 22% of Americans believed in Absolute Truth – **Barna** ✓

B. **Worldly Thinking** – What does Post-Modernism look like?

1. In the world **15**✓
2. In the church **16**✓

C. **Digital Age / Technology**

1. Key Events

- a. **Personal Computers** go Mainstream in USA – (1980s-Present)
- b. **Worldwide web** goes Mainstream in USA – (1990s-Present)
- c. **iPhone** goes Mainstream in USA – (2004-Present) ✓

2. The Perfect Storm (*Josh McDowell*)

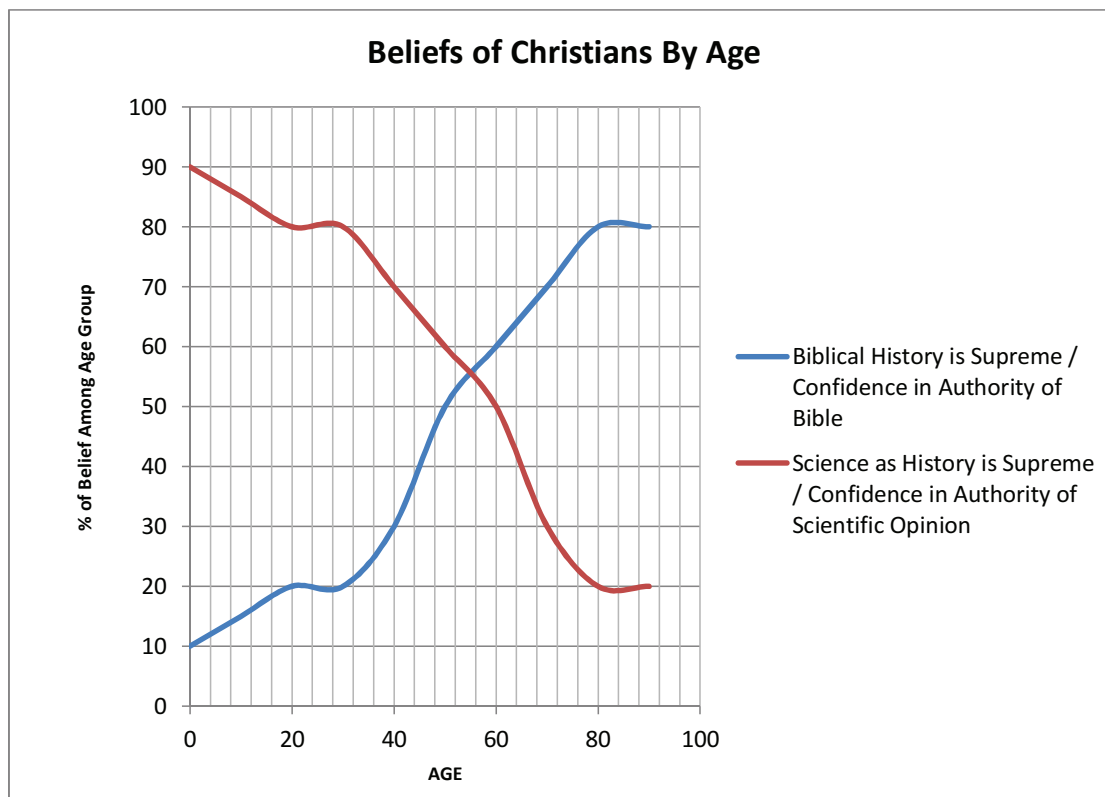
- a. Shift of Truth
- b. Information Glut (*Google, Wikipedia*)
- c. Massive Internet Pornography **17**✓

D. **Millennials (35 and under) and the Future of the Church**

1. **Only 1 in 25 Millennials** has a BWV (*Integrated Disciple/SAGE CON*)
2. Pew Religious Landscape Surveys (2014, 2007)

“A person’s worldview is determined between the ages of 18 months and 13 years old.”
—George Barna

***Trends from old to young (time and age) ✓**



3. **Millennials** ✓

Less likely than older to:

- *Believe in God, Heaven, Hell
- *Believe in Absolute Truth of Bible
- *Believe in 5 “Solas” of Reformation **18**
- *Attend Church Weekly
- *Read Bible Daily
- *Pray Daily ✓

More likely than older to:

- *Believe in Millions of Years / Evolution
- *Believe in Works or other than Jesus for salvation
- *Believe Truth is Relative/Unknowable
- *Believe Bible contains errors
- *Believe Bible not supreme authority for life ✓

E. **Joe and Sally Christian – what do we want them to look like?** **19 SAGE CONS**

SAGE CONS (*Spiritually Active, Governance Engaged Conservative*)

- *90% have a BWV** (Integrated Disciple)
- *69% are over 50 years old
- *7% are under 30 years old**
- *56% are Male, 44% Female ✓
- *53% are 4-year College Grads; 31% have Grad. Degrees
- *79% are Married**
- *39% live in South
- *89% are Protestant**
- *86% attend church weekly**
- *56% get most of the news from Religious Radio or Select online services **20**
- *66% want their church to provide more info on biblical application for social & political engagement** **21**

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 - a. How could a God of love allow such pain and suffering in the world?
 - b. The age of the earth and evolution prove there is no need for a God
 - c. My life is good, I’m happy, I don’t need Jesus. ✓

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- 2. Why am I here? PURPOSE (*1st Shorter Catechism*)
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VII. What are the Foundational Assumptions/Beliefs of One holding a Biblical Worldview? ✓

These are critically necessary to know to be able to address an unbeliever.

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord 53 in your hearts, always being ready 54 to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, 55 yet with gentleness and reverence; 56✓

Genesis 3:15 – The Biblical Worldview Thesis Statement

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” 57✓

A. **Objective, Universal Truth**

1. Does it Exist? *Pilate *said to Him, “What is truth?” (John 18:38)*
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B. **Revelation**

1. General (*Rom.1:18-20*).....is temporal (*Is. 65:17; 2 Pet. 3:10*) **Nature**
2. Special (*Heb.1:1-2*).....is eternal (*Ps.148:6; Matt.24:35*) **Scripture ✓**

****Special trumps General Revelation and General ALWAYS supports Special**

****Nature is not the 67th book of the Bible ✓**

C. **The Bible and Authority**

2 Timothy 3:15-17 60

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. ✓

1. What is it? See **Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (attached) 61**
2. Who Wrote it? **Holy Spirit**, who cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**)

2 Peter 1:21

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. ✓

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Psalm 118:8

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Colossians 2:8

⁸ *See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. ✓*

Proverbs 30:5-6

⁵ *Every word of God is tested;*

He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

⁶ *Do not add to His words*

Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.

2 Corinthians 10:5

⁵ *We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 66✓*

*"For you are to deal with Scripture in such a way that you bear in mind that God Himself says what is written. But **since God is speaking, it is not fitting for you wantonly to turn His Word in the direction you wish to go.**"*

—Martin Luther

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- 2. Qualifies as Only Lawgiver, therefore
- 3. Qualifies as Only Judge ✓
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 - a. God is never surprised.
 - b. God has no opinions.
 - c. Nothing ever occurs to God. ✓

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1 Chronicles 12:32

³² Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do ✓

Acts 17:11

¹¹ Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. 78✓

3. The Church and Football

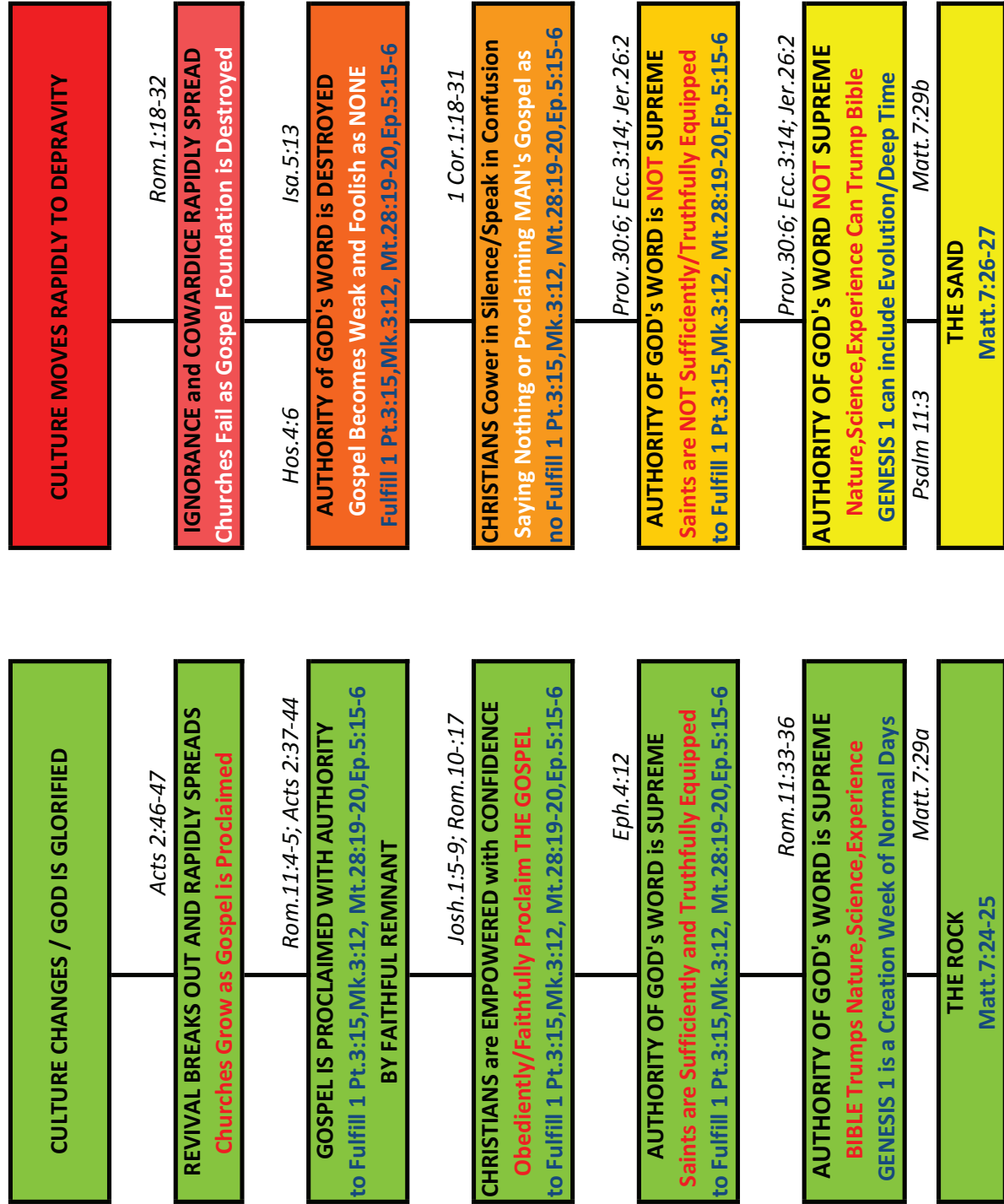
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CONNECTING THE DOTS - WHY GENESIS DETERMINES CHURCH GROWTH AND CULTURAL NORMS



**Helpful Resources: (1) [AIG answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org) (2) [CMI creation.com](http://creation.com) (3) [ICR icr.org](http://icr.org)

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW APPLICATION

Psalm 11:3

³ If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?" ✓

*** Being Biblical is important; being comfortable is not**

1. Question every comfortable thing you believe by asking yourself: "Is it biblical?" If so, know where the Bible supports it. If not, abandon and change your belief.
2. Having a Biblical Worldview is like being healthy.
 - a. Affects EVERY area of your life.
 - b. Must be fed and nourished and developed and strengthened.
 - c. Changes how you believe and act.
3. Train yourself to think biblically by daily reading/listening to one of the short blogs found on page 85.J.4.a.v.
4. Challenge and test your faith by sharing the gospel with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.
5. The fallen world around us is crying out for answers in all areas of life.
6. We alone have the answers and explanations that make sense of the world. ✓
7. Our Good News provides hope and purpose for their lives.
8. We are to unite the Word of God and souls of men – the only 2 Eternal things on Earth. ✓
9. **Good News** makes no sense without Bad News first. The story begins with Creation and Fall. We must lovingly convey the truth of Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe and Confusion before we present the Gospel of Redemption found in Christ, the Cross and Consummation. ✓
10. **We must** be intentional about preparing ourselves to engage others where they are.
11. **We must** be vigilant to keep the church pure and unstained by the world.
12. **We must ALWAYS remember that BWV is a tapestry that is to be seen in EVERY part of our church. It is NOT another tool to use. 118✓**
13. **Biblical Authority** and God's Absolute Truth are the Rock upon which a solid BWV is built.
14. **We must** not confuse symptoms of sin all around us with the root cause of Sin itself.
15. **Humility**, Gratitude and love compel us to fulfill and obey the Great Commission as our top priority. ✓
16. **All other ministries** should support the one, true mission of the church, not the other way around. ✓

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Drill-Down Courses to Develop/Strengthen your BWV ✓

1. The Bible (Canon)

- *How was it compiled?
- *What does archeology tell us about it compared with other literature?
- *How do we read and interpret it?
- *What is its Authority? ✓

2. Is Genesis History? –*Del Tackett*

- *Age of the Earth, the Universe, and Man
 - Why does it matter?
 - How does it affect personal evangelism?
 - Rocks, Fossils and Carbon Dating
 - Dinosaurs
 - The Genesis Flood and why it's so important ✓
- *Evolution, Big Bang, and Genesis Creation
 - Biology and Genetics
 - Cosmology
 - How do we reconcile?
 - How does it affect personal evangelism?
- *The Tower of Babel and Racism ✓

3. Basic Apologetics

- *How do I share the Gospel Effectively with another person?
- *World religions – basic beliefs of major religions / cults
- *How do I defend my faith? ✓

4. The Bible and Sanctity of Life Issues

- *Abortion
- *Euthanasia
- *Suicide ✓

5. The Bible and Sex (LGBTQ)

- *Transgenderism
- *Same-Sex Marriage
- *Homosexuality ✓

6. The Bible and Politics ✓

7. The Bible and Psychology ✓

8. Biblical Counseling ✓