

WORLD VIEWS

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(Session II)

I. Key Questions to ask of Worldviews

- A. What takes the place of God?
- B. What takes the place of sin?
- C. What is salvation?

II. Consumerism as a Case Study

A. The Story of Consumerism

1. God has created us as consumers.
2. We can find fulfillment by accumulating wealth and everything that comes with it.

B. The Convictions of Consumerism

1. Using and accumulating things brings fulfillment.
2. Money is power.
3. Just a little bit more.
4. People are viewed as objects to consume.
5. I discard what ceases to fulfill me or meet my needs.

C. Positives of Consumerism

1. I determine how to use my resources.
2. Consumerism promotes competition and new ideas.

D. Reductions of Consumerism

1. Redefining our needs
 - *fulfillment in what we can purchase*
 - *depersonalization*
 - *displacing God with money*

2. Redefining our values

- *the illusion that all things are under our control*
- *the illusion that what we have belongs to us*

E. Subversions of the Christian Faith

1. Do the speaker and music meet my needs?
2. The Gospel as a product.
3. My service needs to be something I enjoy.
4. Does Christ meet my needs?

III. Thinking about a Christian Worldview

A. Centers vs. Boundaries

1. Why not "Biblical Worldview?"
2. Why not "the Christian Worldview?"

B. A Christian Gnosticism

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

C. Three Theological Centers

1. Creation/Fall
2. Incarnation
3. Redemption
