**"OPEN LINE TUESDAY"**

### Worldview Review

### Plus … Q&A Free-For-All

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ravity is a given ; water boils at 212 degrees F; sun rises in the east; Energy = Mass x Speed of Light squared. Nature’s laws are subject to no lobby groups; they don’t grade on a curve. Nor does their Creator. What He promises, He delivers.

Either we build our lives on the premise that God exists or that He doesn’t. If He does, it may be, as Martha-in-cuffs would say, “a good thing” to know just what He has in mind for us. But if God’s a myth, this is as good as it gets, right and wrong are as firm as a Slinky, and life’s no more than a no-holds-barred GustoMania.

Jeff Kemp has just taken us through the horizon-stretching concept of *worldviews*. Each of us has one, ‘though some may be no bigger than a nine-digit ZIP code.

Christian author David Noebel says “a complete worldview will define your theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and interpretation of history. A *biblical* worldview seeks to define each of those areas by investigating what the Bible has to say about them.” Your answers to four bedrock questions are your GPS for making decisions. It’s how you think the world works, and how you fit in it.

The Bible says what you *believe* determines how you *live* now *and* forever (Matthew 12:34). Expressed as a simple syllogism, it’s like this: sow a *thought*, reap an *action*; sow an action, reap a *habit*; sow a habit, reap a *belief*; sow a belief, reap a *destiny*.

Jeff helped us frame a *biblical* worldview, giving us God’s grid for making right choices. Those four foundational questions are:

1. **Where did we and the universe come from?**

Genesis 1:1-2:2 (p. 1)

**Let’s read Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 875).**

1. **What went wrong?**

Genesis 3:1-24 (p. 2)

Isaiah 14:12-15 (p. 520)

Isaiah 53:1-12 (p. 552)

Romans 1:20-25

**Let’s read Romans 5:12, 18, 19 (p. 839).**

1. **Is there a solution to our dilemma?**

Romans 6:23 (p. 840)

Romans 3:9-24 (p. 838)
Isaiah 53:1-12 (p. 552)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p. 848)

John 3:36 (p. 791)

Romans 5:1-2 (p. 839)

Romans 8:1-4, 31-39 (p. 841)

**Let’s read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 (p. 856).**

1. **What’s your and my purpose for being on earth?**

Psalm 138:8a (p. 467)

Psalm 139:13-18 (p. 467)

Psalm 147:11 (p. 411)

Ephesians 1:4-6 (p. 869)

Romans 8:29 (p. 841)

Genesis 1:26 (p. 1)

Ephesians 2:10 (p. 869)

Acts 20:24 (p. 828)

**Let’s read 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 (p. 860).**

### The Elevator Pitch Version

Since we’re the *USA Today* generation, here’s a Post-It-sized biblical worldview to slip into for a fitting:

God is the personal, ethical, all-knowing, all-powerful, everywhere-present, self-revealing, sinless Supreme Being. His Son Jesus Christ, second person of the Trinity, spoke the universe and humanity into existence. When Adam and Eve, lured by satan, disobeyed God, sin crashed our party, infecting each person born since then, separating us from holy God. But since God loves us, Jesus Christ came to earth as the God-man to die for our sins in our place. Those who, by faith, accept God’s forgiveness of their sin will live always with Him. Those who don’t face an unquenchable fiery future with all the forces of evil in a place the Bible calls hell. But NO one need do that since God’s total forgiveness is *free* for the taking (Acts 17:24-28).

### The Q&A Free-For-All Free Fall

One of our men cornered me recently with this: “Can’t we ever open things up for a full hour of just questions and discussion?” Naturally, I took no offense at this (1), knowing this wasn’t some sneaky, backdoor ploy to derail our usual, attention-riveting format.

Sensing how utterly guileless and agenda-free he was, to protect his anonymity, you can be *first*, Ed! Fire away!!

### Who Needs A Worldview?

Is a worldview like your appendix: useless, but sometimes you take it out for a special occasion? Or is it usable?

Solomon writes, "Let’s take a good look at the way we’re living and reorder our lives under God” (Lamentations 3:40). Paul adds, "Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do” (Ephesians 5:17).

It’s life-or-death crucial to sync up with the One who made us, died for us, accepts us as we are, and will walk with us now on through eternity. If you can’t point to a time when you invited Christ to be King of your life, this is not a minute too soon. Just tell Him now….

“God, I agree that I’m a sinner, that Jesus paid my sin debt on that cross, and You graciously no longer hold my sins against me, having totally forgiven them. I accept Your forgiveness, and invite You now to unseat me by taking first place in my life. Thank You, Father. In the awesome name of Jesus I pray. Amen.”

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