

PARENT/STUDENT BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW GUIDE

11th Grade Conversation

OBJECTIVE

Have your teen speak with a mentor — this could be a pastor or mentor in your teen's life — about how people process tough questions and how they arrive at the answers. This is a great opportunity for your teen to see how others view the world through the lens of a biblical worldview.

THE 411

Our teens are hearing from many different voices and influences in their lives. They are being influenced by the movies they watch, the friends they hang around with, the teachers at school, and most importantly us. Each one of these influences has a different worldview that is being impressed on our teens. They are making choices and decisions that stem from a worldview they are developing right now.

A worldview is the sum of all our underlying beliefs about life from which we make choices and act. It is the way we see the world through a belief system. Everyone has a worldview.

Your goal as a parent is to help your teen develop a biblical worldview. However, for many teens this is a time of doubt and questions, which is great. That is how we form our faith. This should also be a time when we help shape their understanding of God's Word – that God's Word is relevant and inspired from God. It is our instruction manual for life, and it is the guide for us in how we live and model Christ.

SUGGESTION

Call a mentor who has had influence in your teen's life. Let the mentor know that you would love for them to have a conversation with your teen about a biblical worldview – particularly how to handle the tough questions in life and that the Bible is the source for direction and the answers to those questions.

Let the mentor know you will email this discussion format as a suggestion for how to direct the conversation.

DISCUSSION

Mentor with teen.

- ASK:** What would be the toughest question someone has ever asked you?
If a friend asked about your purpose in life, how would you respond?
If a friend asked you what happens when we die and you know the friend said they are a Muslim, what would you say?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE:

These are tough questions, but your answer will come from a worldview that you are establishing in your life. There are hundreds of worldviews out there that shape our thoughts and beliefs.

TALK ABOUT:

This is a great time to have the mentor talk about how the Bible became relevant to them and shaped their life. Talk about how it is your guide to the tough questions in life.



SHARE: Share some tough questions you have had to wrestle with.

TALK ABOUT: Talk about how the Bible has given you direction and how you need to seek God's Word for those answers – not in culture or other things.

SHARE: Share that God's Word is the filter for how we look at life and people.

PRAY: Have a prayer time with your teen and pray a blessing over them that God's Word will shape them, and in tough times, God's Word will be their source of strength.

