

## Scripture References

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Gen 1:27-28 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Gen 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Isa 65:17 "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."

Daniel 1:1-8 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god. 3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— 4 young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. 5 The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. 6 Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. 7 The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego. 8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

John 17:15-16 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## Reasons to Believe – Fred Hennes

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### Sermon #657, "Tension Requires Attention" (Daniel 1:1-8)

A worldview is the \_\_\_\_\_ from which you view reality and make sense of life and the world.

Every \_\_\_\_\_ addresses these three questions:

- 1) Where did we come from, and why are we here?
- 2) What is wrong with the world?
- 3) How can we fix it?

A Christian worldview is based on claims found in the \_\_\_\_\_ which lead us to believe in moral absolutes, miracles, human dignity, and the possibility of redemption.

Culture tends to \_\_\_\_\_ predominate worldviews together.

Ways we respond to cultural tension:

1. We \_\_\_\_\_
2. We \_\_\_\_\_
3. We \_\_\_\_\_
4. We \_\_\_\_\_

Our interaction with the culture begins with an uncompromising \_\_\_\_\_ to God and a Biblical Worldview.

## Life Group Activity

1. Can you share any life experiences where you were placed into another culture (perhaps related to business Or a mission's trip)? What adjustments did you need to make?

## Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

3. In looking at the four ways we respond to culture, which one best describes your response? Explain.

4. Would you say that you hold a Biblical Worldview? Why or why not? What are some things you could do to strengthen your Biblical Worldview?

5. In preparation for next week's sermon, answer the question, "How can a loving God allow so much suffering?"

## Application Questions & Prayer

6. Explain how you can best live out the truth of 1 Peter 3:15.

7. What does the Bible declare as an essential belief if a believer is to effectively engage their culture?

8. Pray for one another so that you may be strong in your faith, yet compassionate in your approach as you defend and share your faith.