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PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK



SESSION 1 >>

UNDERSTANDING WORLDVIEW

What do you see? In the Bible, God often asks His people this question, either to show them something new or to help them to see things the way they really are – to bring us light and to guide our actions. Although we all inhabit the same world, we often don't see things in the same way as each other and our views tend to be markedly different to people outside of the church.

As Christians the Bible frames our view of the world and our reading of the Bible is guided by the Holy Spirit. This is especially important for those who speak and lead in public life. But, before we can speak and lead, we need to understand the world we are sent into and how our leadership may be received. We need to be like the men of Issachar, who “understood the times and knew what Israel should do” (1 Chronicles 12:32).



SESSION OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the term ‘worldview’ and the differences between a biblical worldview and other worldviews that are dominant in society.
2. Consider how to maintain commitment to a biblical worldview in the face of challenge and opposition.

 **WATCH**

Dr Amy Orr-Ewing is the director of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics, and the Europe, Middle East, and Africa director of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM). She is a passionate exponent of a rational Christian response to many of the pressing cultural issues of the day, bringing her formidable theological knowledge to bear on a wide variety of subjects.

You may want to make notes below as you watch.

 **DISCUSS**

1. *How does Amy describe the concept of ‘worldview’?*

2. *What are the five worldviews Amy outlines? Can you think of any others?*

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3. *Can you think of an example where these worldviews may have informed a conversation you had or a news article or piece of popular culture you encountered?*

**ACTIVITY 1: Understand what the Bible says about public leadership**

Read the Evangelical Alliance's paper outlining the theology behind public leadership, written by John Coleby, public policy researcher.

Download the PDF at eauk.org/sent

How do the ideas expressed in the paper affect your views of your leadership role? Do you feel more empowered with this biblical backing? Share your comments or questions with others in the group before your next meeting and make notes below.