

What A Wonder Full World

How Do We Know What Is Real?

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We all wonder about the big questions in life—Where did I come from? What's my purpose? What happens when I die? Finding answers to those questions depends upon how we answer the most basic of questions—What is real?

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Your worldview is your underlying beliefs, both conscious and subconscious, that shape your attitudes, values, and expectations as you walk through life.
- 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. | Romans 12:2
- If you have a worldview defined by the core beliefs of the Christian faith, it helps you to navigate life and make decisions consistent with God's will for you.
- Today's worldview question: What is real?
- Christians believe that what we observe in nature is real and knowable, that God created an orderly, amazing universe, and it's our privilege to explore and learn about all that he has created.
- Christians believe there is also a spiritual realm that can be known only through scripture.
- The Bible has undergone (and passed) a high level of textual criticism.
- The power of the message of scripture is also how we know it's true.
- For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. | Hebrews 4:12
- When it comes to spiritual things, we understand reality in the person of Jesus and in the Bible that tells us all about him.
- What God does in our hearts through scripture is supernatural and is the greatest evidence that it's true.
- It's each of our responsibility to decide whether or not Jesus is who the Bible says he is.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How much do you feel like your faith shapes your worldview and the decisions you make? Are there any other influences on your worldview?
2. A pillar of the Christian worldview is that we can know who God is and what he's like through scripture. Have you found this to be true? What struggles have you had in this?
3. The power of the message of scripture and what God does in our hearts can also be evidence that it's true. What specific changes have you seen in your own life or in others because of the truth found in scripture?
4. What challenges do you encounter in trying to determine what's true and what God's will is for you? What else helps to remind you of what's true and what God's will is for you?