

MESSAGE OUTLINE

SUNDAY, November 6, 2022



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **WORLDVIEW: SYNCRETISM**
 Worldview—Part 12
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At a cafeteria you choose anything you want from a wide variety of choices.
 Research shows this is how Americans make up their worldviews...

Worldview = “the filter we use to make sense of and respond to the world in ways that represent what we believe to be true, good, appropriate, and worthwhile.” (Barna, 13).

Americans' Worldview:

6%	Biblical Worldview	1%	Nihilism
2%	Secular Humanism	<1%	Eastern Mysticism
1%	Moralistic Therapeutic Deism	<1%	Marxism
1%	Postmodernism	88%	Syncretism ← Today

Syncretism = the combination of different forms of belief or practice

“Syncretism reflects the superficial thinking and feelings-based decision-making that prevails in our cut-and-paste society.” (Barna,18)

American “Christians” surveyed:

31%	Life is sacred
61%	Human beings developed over a long period of time without any supernatural intervention
28%	People are born into sin and can only be saved from its consequences by Jesus Christ
33%	When you die you will go to heaven but only because you have confessed your sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as your savior
73%	Someone who is generally good or does enough good things for others will earn a place in heaven
64%	Reincarnation is a real possibility for you
51%	God is the all-knowing, all-powerful, perfect, and just creator of the universe who rules that universe today
71%	Unmarried couples having sexual relations with each other because they love each other and expect to get married is morally acceptable
42%	Marriage of one man to one woman is God’s plan for humanity across all cultures
33%	The Bible is your primary source of moral guidance
76%	Moral absolutes do not exist; individuals determine truth for themselves
38%	The basis of truth is God, revealed through the Bible
14%	Accumulated wealth is entrusted to us by God to manage for His purposes
77%	Having faith matters more than which faith
37%	Purpose of life is to know, love, and serve God with all your heart, mind, strength, and soul

Thinking and behavior of American teens:

- Belief in a God who remains distant from people’s lives.
- People are supposed to be good to each other (i.e., moral).
- The universal purpose of life is being happy and feeling good about oneself.
- There are no absolute moral truths.
- “Good people” earn their way into Heaven.
- God places very limited demands on people. (Barna, 26)

How did we get here?

Proverbs 22:28 (ESV) Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set.

2 Timothy 4:3–4 (NLT) For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

Isaiah 5:20–21 (NIV84) Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

Woe (הוי) “oy-veh” = An interjection, usually of lamentation...forty [times] involve negative warnings or threats of God’s physical chastisement. ^{TWOT}

A message of hope

Isaiah 55:1–13 (ESV) “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

John 7:37–38 (NLT) On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! ³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’ ”

SO WHAT? Do you have the Biblical Worldview?

If not, what needs to change?

Matthew 24:35 (ESV) “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Isaiah 40:8 (ESV) The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, November 6, 2022

1. MOSHE & BATEL LOEWENTHAL, ONE MIDDLE EAST AGENCY NOVEMBER 15th 7:00PM—Join us for dinner as we cast our vision and raise support for One Middle East Agency and their work in Israel. Seating is limited, so please text or email your reservations to Pastor Gary (317-513-0227 or gary@garystump.org).

2. YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8PM—Dinner; New study: *Friends Don't Let Friends!*

3. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

4. SECURITY TEAM MEETING—next Sunday, November 13th 1-2pm

5. LADIES BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays @ 9:30AM at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the book of 1 Peter using Jen Wilkin's guide.

6. SERVERS NEEDED—Our new facility comes with needs for more workers to serve the Lord by serving one another. Areas of particular need:

- **Host Team**—greet our members and guests with a smile and hospitality (see Kathleen Hodnett (khodnett1207@gmail.com))
- **Nursery**—serve our youngest with loving care (see Kathy Stump 317-292-7632).
- **Worship Team**—use your gifts and talents to serve the Lord (see Marc Aldarondo 317-629-5326).

7. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.



8. DONATE BIBLES in memory of or in honor of loved ones through the Gideons. See the display on the table in the worship area.