



True North Part 1—The Compass
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[2 Timothy 1:7]

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

[Philippians 4:6-7, NLT]

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.

[1 Peter 5:7]

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

[Isaiah 41:10]

Don't be afraid, for I am with you.

Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you.

I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

[Psalm 4:8, TPT]

Now, because of you, Lord, I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for no matter what happens, I will live unafraid!

Worldview - Definition

/ a conscious or unconscious framework; an interpretive lens through which we see how the world functions and we function in it

/ the philosophy or mindset by which we navigate our lives

[2 Timothy 3: 1-5, NLT]

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times (perilous and furious, fierce and dangerous times). ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing

sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

[John 1:14, NIV]

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

RELATIVISM = truth and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, they are not absolute.

Relativism:

1. **“There is no one right way or true story”** (all religions become valid because it’s your story)
2. **“There is no one absolute truth or morality for all”** (*“I will determine what is right for me, based on my life experience, and ‘don’t judge me.’”*)
3. **“Your truth is not necessarily my truth”** (Truth is subjective to my reality and my journey)

- Is the Bible 100% reliable?
- Is the Bible the eternal and flawless Word of God?
- Are the moral absolutes we find in scripture, established by God, relevant for every generation?
- Can I really trust and live by the truth of scripture?

1. The Bible is a book that was written by God, not by man.

[Psalm 22:1,18]

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

*¹⁸ They divide my garments among themselves
and throw dice for my clothing.*

[2 Timothy 3:15-16]

You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

[2 Peter 1:20-21, NLT]

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

[Matthew 5:17-18, NIV]

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

2. The Bible is an eternal document that can never be dismissed or destroyed.

[John 1:1, NLT]

*In the beginning (of creation) the Word already existed.
The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

[John 1:14, NLT]

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness

[1 Peter 1:23, NIV]

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

[Matthew 24:35]

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

<https://crossexamined.org/voltaires-prediction>

3. The Bible is Humanity’s most reliable document

Comparison of Existing Manuscript Quantities

Plato: 7

Aristotle: 49

Caesar: 10

Tacitus: 20

New Testament: 6,000+ in Greek (24,000 including translations in other languages)

“It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted (to dispute or prove false) a Biblical reference.”

Nelson Glueck

4. The Word of God is our compass for a successful life.

[Joshua 1:8, NLT]

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

[Psalm 119:105, NLT]

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.*

FOR MONDAY—

1. Journal some of the key views you have, based on the Word of God.
2. Meditate on some of the Scriptures from this message, and ask God to give you personal revelation.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What significant changes have you seen in our nation and world in the last couple decades? How have they affected you?
2. When hearing the topic of worldview, what comes to mind? What filters do people use to find their direction in life? What shapes your worldview?

3. Where do you stand in the culture you live in? How does the culture today collide with our culture of faith in Jesus?
4. "As pastors and leaders, we are to speak into these [biblical worldview] issues." (Pastor Dave) Why is it important for the Body of Christ to be proactive and not passive?
5. Why do you think that the younger generation statistically shares the Gospel less, or considers it offensive?
6. Why is it important to do our own research and trust the Word of God in its entirety?
7. How can the Bible be compared to a compass? How can we practically use both to navigate our everyday lives?