

# **Suggested Family Group Discussion Items**

## **Worldview Week 2025 – Pine Haven Christian Assembly**

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Please use these discussion items to help structure your group discussions. More items are provided than you'll have time for, so choose ones that seem most relevant and most conducive to prompting candid, productive, and enjoyable interaction.

### **Wednesday Night**

**"Living a God-Honoring Life: A Worldview Orientation"**

**"I've Been Framed"**

1. What are your three most valuable things in life?
2. Share your one-sentence purpose-of-life statement. Discuss it for further explanation and clarification. Would you now revise your original statement you gave during the first session? If so, how?
3. What kind of "commandments" do you hear or give to others? What motivates you to obey—or not!—when someone gives you a commandment? Why do you choose to obey some commands and not others? (Just think about everyday life, but if you want to bring in some God-commands, that's great.)
4. What's one part of your personality that helps you follow Jesus well?
5. What's one part of your personality that makes it harder to trust or obey God?
6. What picture did you choose and what question did you answer in your group earlier?
7. What's one thing you learned that seems important or especially relevant to you?
8. What questions or comments do you have about these lessons?

### **Thursday Morning**

**"Who Am I?" (Nicki)**

**"Loving God With My Individual Experience, Relationships,  
and Social Impact" (Rich)**

1. What did you learn about how your personality can positively impact or be a potential challenge to another personality?
2. How might your personality or SHAPE the way God is calling you to serve - in your church, family, or world?
3. How can you better love and serve people with different personalities than yours?
4. What did you learn that seems most surprising, interesting, insightful, troublesome, or challenging? Why or how?
5. Can you identify how some of your experiences have impacted your SHAPE? What are some positive or negative experiences that God has used to shape you for serving in the Kingdom?
6. Reflect on the chart, "Loving God With My Individual Experience." Try to rank all of them in terms of which ones you feel "spiritually best" on, and which ones you feel "spiritually weakest" on. (You can write numbers [1-9] above each one to show the rank.) What steps could you take to improve the way you love God in your personal experiences?

***Meditation; Bible reading; Prayer; Fasting; Time; Work; Money; Sexuality; the Arts***

7. Reflect on the various **relationships** on the chart, "Love Your Neighbor." What have you done, if anything, that expresses love in your **relationships**? What scriptures or ideas seem to impact you most? How do they "speak to" you personally? What's your basic reaction to the passages dealing with parents/children?
8. Reflect on the **social impact** topics on the chart, "Love Your Neighbor." What have you done, if anything, that expresses love with **social impact**? Where do you see the greatest needs to have Christian-driven social impact? What can you do, personally, to love your neighbor with social impact?
9. What questions do you have or what would you like to talk about more?
10. Use picture cards: Choose a picture that describes how you felt when dealing with someone that has a different perspective or personality than you. How did it make you feel and how did you deal with the situation?

**Thursday Night**

"Learning from Adam & Eve" (Rich)

"The Big Lie" (Nicki)

1. What lessons learned about Adam & Eve seem to strike you the most or seem most relevant to your life?
2. What are some ways that people (maybe you) *hide* from God? What are masks you are wearing? (i.e. Trying to fit in? Trying to make yourself appear better than you really are to others & God?)
3. What are the lies you're believing right now (About God? About yourself? About the world? About the enemy?)
4. Have you experienced someone blaming you for something, either to get off the hook or "spread out" the punishment? Have you ever blamed someone else? What happened as a result? Share an example.
5. One problem with being "deceived" is that we may not know when we are deceived. How can we try to detect when we're being deceived?
6. C.S. Lewis said that the worst thing we could do is to think too much or not enough about Satan. Where do you fall in that continuum? (Do you think too much or not enough about the enemy?)
7. What's an area in your life where you are not allowing God to be the Lord (ruler) over?
8. One lesson about the serpent (Satan) is particularly insightful or helpful to you? Why?
9. What lesson about God is especially encouraging to you? Why?
10. Use picture cards: A.W. Tozer said that the most important thing about you is what comes to your mind when you think about God. Choose a card that describes how you think about God and describe why you chose that picture.

**Friday Morning**

"God's Word on Two Mountains" (Rich & Nicki)

1. Have you ever had a "mountain-top" experience? Try to describe the setting. Why do you consider it a "mountain-top" experience?

2. What's your "gut reaction" to *commandments*? How do you often or sometimes react to them (e.g., from parents or family, school teachers or administrators, church people, coaches)? What do you think is behind some of your "negative" reactions?
3. Which of the 10 Commandments do you think is most relevant to your peers (whether they think so or not)? Which one seems to be broken most?
4. When is the last time you truly rested (and what were you doing or not doing?)
5. What challenges you the most about taking a Sabbath and what might it reveal about your trust in God?
6. How do you define rest, and how is that different from the kind of rest God invites us into?
7. In what ways could regularly practicing Sabbath shift your priorities, stress levels, or spiritual growth?
8. St. Ignatius taught that ingratitude is the root of all sin. What do you think he meant by that, and do you agree?
9. Do you think there's a connection between a lack of gratitude and sin? How have you seen that play out in your own life or in scripture?
10. What's your general response to the Sermon on the Mount? What "speaks to you" most loudly?
11. What perspective does Jesus present on an Old Testament commandment (Matt. 5) that seems most "revolutionary" to you? Why? How do you think it can, or should, apply to your own life or to your peers?
12. What questions or comments do you have about the material in these lessons?

### **Friday Morning**

#### **"A Biblical Picture of Christian Ethics, Part 1" (Rich)**

13. Ethical "relativism" is the idea that what's right or wrong always depends on the situation. To what extent do you see this in your culture or your personal network?
14. What's your general reaction to St. Paul's claim that those who are continually engaged in certain kinds of actions "will not inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6; Col. 3; 1 Thess. 4; Gal. 5; Eph. 5; Romans 1)?
15. What did you learn or take away from these lessons that may be most important to you or your network of friends?
16. What questions or comments do you have about the material from these lessons?

### **Friday Night**

#### **"A Biblical Picture of Christian Ethics, Part 2" (Rich)**

1. Try to explain the concept of "moral worth" as it was presented in the lesson.
2. What do you think about the idea that the Bible itself says or suggests that some actions can be right for one person but wrong for another person? How does this differ from "moral relativism"?
3. What point in this lesson was especially helpful, valuable, insightful, or troublesome? Describe the point and try to explain why you chose it.
4. How would you respond to someone who says that Christian morality is just a bunch of rules? As a group, try to come up with at least THREE points you would make.

5. What did you learn about how the CONSEQUENCES of an action can affect the rightness or wrongness of an action? Was this enlightening, encouraging, troublesome, or what?
6. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that some commandments of God are “more important” than others?
7. Do you think it’s possible for two commands of God to come into *unavoidable conflict* in a specific situation? Why or why not? What’s your take on some of the examples given in the lesson? If two divine commandments unavoidably conflict, do you think it’s a “sin” to violate either one of them?

### Saturday Morning

“Truth and Tolerance” (Rich)

“A Christian Approach to Sexual Integrity” (Rich)

1. How would you try to describe the difference(s) between **subjective truth** and **objective truth**? Give some examples of each one. How would you respond to someone who says, “Everyone has their own truth.”
2. Discuss the relationship involving **love, truth, and acceptance**. Is it possible to *love* someone without *accepting* their convictions or behavior? How can this actually work?
3. **What points or scriptures** seem most helpful to you? Explain why or how.
4. **How significant** are the issues of **sexual integrity** in your life or in your network of friends? Discuss some examples.

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5. **How significant** are **LGBTQ issues or questions** in your life or in your network of friends? How do you respond when these issues or questions come up? Did these lessons *change* how you think about, or how you will respond to, these issues in the future?

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6. If you were advising a Christian on how to interact with someone who’s dealing with gender identity questions or issues, what advice or tips would you offer?
7. What questions do you have or what would you like to talk about more?

### Saturday Night

“Living by the Spirit” (Nicki)

1. What are 2-3 things that really impacted you this week?
2. What are some ways you can “protect your faith?” when you go home?
3. Where is God calling you to take a bold next step?
4. Is there anything you need to say “no” to in order to say yes to something else God is wanting to do in your life?
5. Are there any holy habits you want to integrate into your spiritual rhythm?
6. Encourage one another and pray together as you close.