

Bad Ideas
How did our world end up like this?
Selected Texts

“Philosophical absurdities aren’t limited to classroom sophistry and eccentric speculations. They make their way into print and are thereby released upon the public. And as with deadly diseases, people can pick up deadly ideas without even noticing. These ideas float, largely undetected, in the intellectual air we breathe.”

- **Where did these worldviews and philosophies come from? (James 3:15, 17)**
- **How do these bad ideas get traction? (Colossians 2:4, 8-10)**
- **How did we fall for these bad ideas? (Genesis 3:1ff)**

Resources: *10 Books that Screwed Up the World* by Benjamin Wiker. A brief yet helpful read on how our daily values have been soaked by contra-Christian ideas, almost without our knowing it. Every high school student, university student, and parent should read this book.

Growth Group Questions:

1. Often people embrace two opposing worldviews without thinking critically about either, falling prey to a “yes, but...” spiritual and intellectual betrayal of God’s will and Christ’s suffering. Read Colossians 2: 1-10 aloud. Have you ever weighed and evaluated all your personal, cultural, and political beliefs and practices in light of the Christian faith (i.e. what the Bible teaches)?
2. Do you honestly believe that people are created in the image and likeness of God (Read Genesis 1:26-27, 5:3, 9:6)? Why? Why not? How should this affect your treatment of people of different ethnicities? The unborn?
3. Read Galatians 3:28 about the preciousness of all segments of humanity in terms of Christ’s sacrifice and offer of salvation. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to treat any one segment as less valuable based on their educational status, intellect, or ethnicity? Why? Why not?
4. Apply the same reasoning you used above to the unborn.
5. What advice would you give a girl in a very religious culture facing ostracism or even death (in some cultures) if she discovered she was pregnant outside of wedlock, particularly if her life depended on it? Read and relate your answer to Mark 1:18.
6. Many people have strong opinions about “fair trade coffee,” human trafficking, and refugees but turn a blind eye toward abortion and the sanctity of life. Given the fact that almost 10 times more people have been killed in the womb than enslaved or displaced, which do you think deserves your attention in terms of priority? Why?