Sunday Evening Study

February 2, 2018

**Introduction to Worldview Studies**

**An Invitation to Think (Mark 12:28-30).**

We must engage the ideas of the past and the present because ideas have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“The majority of Christians would rather die than think—in fact, they do” ~ Bertrand Russell (atheist)

**The Greatest Questions Require Careful Thought**

**Worldview Studies**

“A worldview is a set of beliefs about the most important issues in life. A worldview is a conceptual scheme by which we consciously or unconsciously place or fit everything we believe and by which we interpret and judge reality” ~ Ronald Nash

A worldview is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Six Elements to Every Worldview**

1. God
2. Metaphysics
3. Epistemology
   1. This is crucial to any worldview. We *must* be able to explain how knowledge is possible.
   2. Rationalism – We gain knowledge through the rigorous application of our minds to a given field of study. We come to know the truth through critical examination.
   3. Empiricism – Knowledge comes through the senses.
   4. The scientific method – State the problem or question, research, hypothesis, experiment, conclusion, communicate the view.
   5. The view that says the scientific method is the *only* way to arrive at truth is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Ethics
5. Anthropology
6. The meaning of history