

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Give a five-minute review of the sermon using Peppy's sermon notes.

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Please don't feel you have to cover every question. They become increasingly deeper and more thoughtful toward the end. It may help to highlight questions you want to be sure to cover, depending on the dynamics of your group and the time available. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

CONNECT Group study questions, John 8:37-47

Title: Who's Your Daddy?

Read John 8:37-47: *"I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."*

Question: Peppy gave us a definition of worldview: *A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life in the world.* How would you categorize your personal worldview? **Facilitator:** You might

say humanist, materialist, Christian. **Question:** Now describe how that worldview affects how you see reality and make sense of your place in the world.

Question: Read Matthew 12:29-30— *“How can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”* From what you read in this passage and John 8:47, how many world views does God recognize? What are they? How do they differ from the many world views we recognize. **Facilitator:** I see only two world views in these two passages: Those who “gather” for the Lord Jesus Christ and those who “scatter”; and those whose Father is God and those whose father is the devil.

Question: Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3— *“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”* Who is the father of the person without love? Who is the father of the person with love?

Question: The world recognize three great monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and they all worship the same God, but in different ways. How would you respond to this claim? What is unique about biblical Christianity?

Question: Peppy taught us to consider opposing world views as opportunities, not enemies. How does that affect or change the way we discuss and explain our world view with our neighbors or co-workers?