

PART 3&4: WITH THE WORLD AND CHURCH WEEK 7B: WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD?

WARM UP: What are the issues in our world today that people most disagree about? What one(s) do you care about most? WARM UP: What is your natural reaction to disagreement? Do you love it, do anything to avoid it, or somewhere in-between?

1. Read Job 38:4-5 and 1 Corinthians 1:19. God didn't create humans to know or understand everything He does and often God actually opposes human knowledge & wisdom. What are some examples of the limits of human understanding?

2. Read Proverbs 18:2. Is this about you or someone else?

3. In the biblical story of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9), God intentionally creates a difference between humans (language). Why do differences cause such a problem for humans? And why would God intentionally create them in us?

4. Read James 4:1-3. What are some examples of desires that cause conflict between people (and nations)?

5. In what ways do you see the desire for self-justification and victimhood in society, and in yourself? What are its effects?

6. Read Romans 3:22-24 and 1 John 1:8-9. Ultimately the bible says the real problem is human nature, and it's a problem in all of us. Are you able to admit this about yourself, and to God?

PRAY: Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6a and pray for our world.