

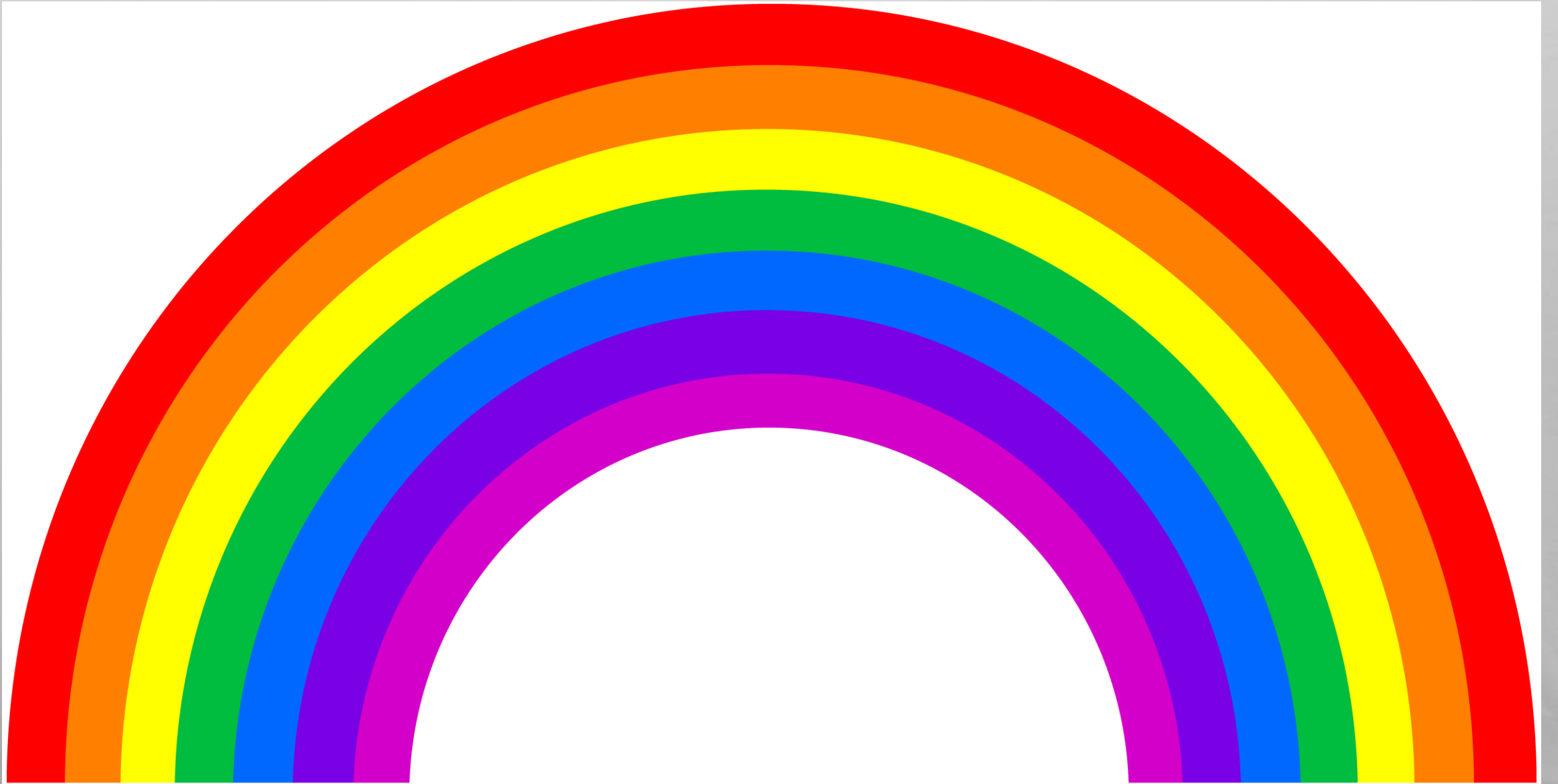
PROMOTING THE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IN OUR FAMILIES AND CHURCHES

WORKSHOP #7

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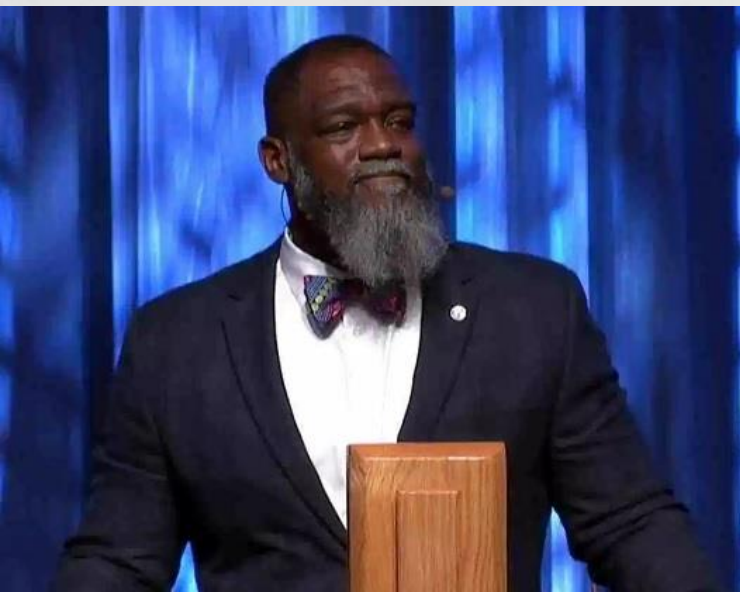
OVERVIEW

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Genesis 9:15-17

¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.“ ¹⁷ **So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."**



2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2-5

² Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to **myths**. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, **do the work of an evangelist**, discharge all the duties of **your ministry**.

PROMOTING THE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IN THE FAMILY

- When the family functions well, it is an indication that the church is functioning well, which also means that there are effective leaders in the church who are serving the church and community.
- Leadership in the family and church is a major concern and is in crisis, and the condition of the family and society is symptomatic of this.
- The lack of a consistent biblical worldview unfortunately feeds into the current problems facing the family and church.

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- In context of understanding the church's mission to the family in a postmodern culture, Anderson (2001:251) states that 'the structure of any family in any society is a reflection of the cultural ethos and traditions in that society'.
- The **biblical worldview** is guided by absolute truth from Scripture, particularly regarding the functioning of the family and the church.
- If there are **no absolutes**, then the biblical norm pertaining the leadership role of the man in context of family and church may very well become distorted if not outrightly rejected.

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- For example: the headship of the man in relation to his wife in the marriage relationship (Col 3:18-19).
- There are no absolutes in postmodern thought and anyone who postulates absolute 'truth and norms' are viewed as "arrogant"
- The church has an important role to play in the family by advocating the Orthodox view of Scripture because it would help the church to function more effectively in its role teaching men, women and children to better understand their roles in the family (Eph 5:22-33; 6:1-4; Col 3:18-19; 1 Tim 3:2-13; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Titus 1:6-9; 1 Pet 5:1-3).

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- If the church accepts that there is no absolute truth, it will negatively impact the family.
- For example, the headship of the man in the marriage relationship will be challenged, the authority of both parents will be challenged by the children because there would be no **absolute truth** guiding these important authority structures within the family.

GROUP DISCUSSION

How has postmodernism impacted the family concerning the following topics?

1. Family Nucleus: leadership
2. Human sexuality: Marriage, Gender

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**What is the purpose
of the church?**

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Great Commandment

Matthew 22:37-40 (also see Mark 12:28-34)

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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Men are responsible for functioning within their leadership role in the family and the church in a manner that brings glory to God by serving their family and the congregation with considerable care

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- Köstenberger and Köstenberger (2014:188) assert that ‘while the man’s headship in the home and the church entails authority, Scripture presents this authority within the context of the husband’s or male church leader’s *care and responsibility*’:
 - Husbands are to love their wives and care for them (Eph 5:25-30).
 - Elders are to exercise their leadership in a way that’s not domineering over those in their charge, but as examples to the flock (1 Pet 5:3).
 - Leadership ought to be defined primarily as service and sacrifice for others (Mark 10:45).

1 Timothy 3:2-7	Titus 1:6-9	1 Peter 5:1-3
1. Above reproach	1. Above reproach	1. Not under compulsion, but voluntary
2. The husband of one wife	2. The husband of one wife	2. Not for sordid gain, but with eagerness
3. Temperate	3. Having children who believe	3. Nor yet as lording it over...but proving to be examples.
4. Prudent	4. Not self-willed	
5. Respectable	5. Not quick tempered	
6. Hospitable	6. Not addicted to wine	
7. Able to teach	7. Not pugnacious	
8. Not addicted to wine	8. Not fond of sordid gain	
9. Not pugnacious	9. Hospitable	
10. Gentle	10. Lover of what is good	
11. Uncontentious	11. Sensible	
12. Free from the love of money	12. Just	
13. Manages his household well	13. Devout	
14. Not a new convert	14. Self-controlled	
15. A good reputation with those outside the church		

GROUP DISCUSSION

Discuss the following statements related to Ephesians 4:11-14

1. Scripture does not support the five-fold ministry view.
2. Scripture does not support the operation of apostles and prophets in the church today?

CONCLUSION

- As the Bible is taught in the family and church primarily by men in their leadership role, the following crucial aspects of Scripture need to be consistently communicated, because they are foundational truths regarding Scripture (Sills, 2016:33-34):
 - ***Sufficiency:***
 - This doctrine teaches that the Bible contains all of the information that we need for faith and practice of Christianity.
 - As God's self-revelation, it is all that He chose to reveal in written form for us to know him and make him known.
 - No additional books or writings are needed (2 Tim 3:16:17).

CONCLUSION

- ***Authority:***
 - This doctrine teaches that the Bible, as the Word of God, enjoys the authority of God.
 - The Bible teaches us that God's people in every age are to hear it, learn from it and obey it.
 - Jesus appealed to the authority of the Old Testament in his teachings.
 - Repeatedly in the Bible we are taught that God's Word is truth (Josh 1:8; Ps 119:142; John 17:17).

CONCLUSION

- ***Inerrancy:***
 - This doctrine teaches that the Bible in its original autographs contains no errors and is free of all falsehood.
 - While some of those copying the Bible in subsequent years may have introduced alternate spellings and quantities, the Bible contains no error regarding any doctrine that affirms it.
- ***Inspiration:***
 - This doctrine teaches that the Holy Spirit breathed out the Bible into the hearts and minds of those who recorded it (2 Tim 3:16).