



What In Our World Is Going On: Week 1 - The Real Issue?

INTRODUCTION

You can't turn on the news most days without becoming aware that things aren't going so well in the world nor are they right here in the good ole USA. What's worse, it seems that those who lead us can't seem to agree on how to change things. While politicians frame the debate as rich vs. poor, big business vs. the middle class, or Republican vs. Democrat, there is another issue that is the foundational issue leading to all other issues—an issue that, if acknowledged, could pave the way for our nation to come together and successfully address the issues that plague our country and this world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you stay up to date with world news? If so, where do you prefer to get your news from? If not, why not?
2. What are some of the issues you see going on in our country or around the world that concern you?
3. Are there any issues that we are facing as a nation or in the world that you feel conflict with your faith? Talk about how the issue conflicts with your personal faith.
4. Read [Romans 1:18-20](#). What does Paul say God has made obvious to everyone? What does Paul say wicked people do with this obvious information?
5. In the message, Jon said; The real issue is that people are suppressing truth (willful disregard for self-evident truths). Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
6. When we suppress truth it means we want what we want instead of what we know is right. Has there ever been a time in your life when you knew what was right but decided to get what you wanted instead? Share with the group how that went for you.
7. Is there anything in your life right now where you know what is right but still would rather have what you want instead? How can this group help you navigate this?

MOVING FORWARD

[Romans 1:18-32](#) teaches us that when we want what we want instead of what is right, we will get what we get which comes with its price. Get alone this week sometime and consider if there is anything or any area of your life where you know what is right but you are holding on to what you want instead. If you discover an area of your life where this is happening, bring it to someone in your small group and ask them to help you navigate it and to help guide you through it.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

[Romans 1:20](#) (TNIV)

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.