

Christianity with Power #3

Connections Class - September 30, 2018

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1. Prayer for the Lord to meet us
2. Review of last week's class
3. The Goal: To understand and experience the power we have as believers and how our worldview affects our life in faith.
4. How were you feeling after reading and processing on these topics?
5. **What Empowers Culture - chap 5**
 - Supernatural events that we have seen up close with our own eyes
 - The "kookiness" factor with healing ministries and the media
 - Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus is the same yesterday and today and tomorrow."
 - Surface culture and deep level culture
 - Life is complex - think about conventions and acceptable norms we have learned
 - The culture "change" when we believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
 - Culture is like a script that actors use – but we do not always follow it
 - We are more than bundles of habits – we can and do change
 - The obedience to the Word of God factor – now you do it!
6. **The "What we think we know" problem - chap 6**
 - We may be lacking categories for experiences of God's power
 - Illustrations of challenging events – *Fresh Wind Fresh Fire* story
 - The problem of our will – can we adapt to new experiences?
 - The secrets for the kingdom-- Matthew 13:11-13
 - Knowledge as a "will weakener" – 6 examples pages 72-75
 - Let us not be captive to our current worldview
7. **Small group questions to process:**
 - If you were to act out of obedience to the kind of things addressed in this class so far, what would change in your life of faith?
 - What kinds of emotions are stirring inside of you as we work on this set of topics in this class?
 - Have you ever experienced something that was way outside your spiritual experience? How did that experience change you?
 - Can you name one thing or aspect you would like to change about your worldview?
8. Summary thoughts for today
9. Close in Prayer – does anyone desire prayer today? More power?
10. For next week read: Ch. 5 & 6 in C with P pages 51-76 read appendix B pages 195-205 + workbook