

# Corrective Lenses: Looking at the World Through the Eyes of Christ

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## Jan 14 WEEK 1 — “How Do We Look at the World?”

Naming Our Current Lenses

**Purpose:** Self-assessment and awareness. People need to know what lenses they’re already wearing.

**Core Elements:**

- A 12–15 question **Worldview Self-Survey**.
- Four broad “default lenses”:
  1. Partisan/Political
  2. Cultural/Secular
  3. Faith-Forward
  4. Apolitical/Detached
- Guided small-group conversations:
  - *What shaped your worldview most growing up?*
  - *Where do you go first for understanding what’s happening in the world?*
- Scripture anchor: **Romans 12:2** — “**Do not be conformed... but be transformed...**”
- Engagement practice:
  - “Choose Your Headlines.” Show news headlines and ask:  
*How do you interpret this through your existing lens?*

**Goal:** Honest self-awareness and curiosity, not shame or correction.

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## Jan 21 WEEK 2 — “How Does Christ Look at the World?”

Seeing Through the Eyes of Jesus

**Purpose:** Establish Jesus’ core worldview markers.

**Focus Areas:**

- Jesus’ worldview themes:
  - The **Kingdom of God** as the ultimate frame
  - Radical neighbor-love
  - Dignity of the vulnerable
  - Truth-telling
  - Restoration vs. retribution
  - Humility over status
- Key texts:
  - Luke 4:18–19
  - Matthew 5–7 (selected)
  - Matthew 25:31–46
  - Luke 10:25–37
- Interaction:
  - Choose 3 statements of Jesus. In groups, ask: *If I took this literally this week, what would change?*

**Goal:** Build a picture of Jesus’ values so participants have something to compare their current worldview against.

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## Jan 28 WEEK 3 — “How Do Presbyterians Look at the World?”

The Reformed Lens

**Purpose:** Connect Jesus’ teachings to the Reformed theological tradition.

**Themes:**

- Sovereignty of God
- The Reality of Human Brokenness (but not hopelessness)
- Grace First
- Discipleship as gratitude
- Corporate responsibility (sin & redemption are communal, not just personal)
- The Missional posture of the church
- Being a “thinking faith” tradition (Scripture + tradition + reason + experience)

**Documents you might highlight:**

- Brief Statement of Faith
- The Great Ends of the Church
- Sections of the Book of Confessions that shape ethics

**Engagement:**

- “The Reformed Priorities Sorting Game.”  
Groups rank 8–10 values (grace, justice, individual freedom, community well-being, doctrinal clarity, etc.). Then reveal how Reformed theology orders them.

**Goal:** Ground participants in a tradition that gives structure without shutting down thought.

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## Feb 4 WEEK 4 — “Reforming Our Personal Priorities”

Time, Talents, Treasure Through a Christ-Shaped Lens

**Purpose:** Move from theory to self-examination on personal life choices.

**Focus Areas:**

- How Christians decide:
  - What matters?
  - How to spend time?
  - How to use gifts?
  - How to handle money?
- Introduce the idea of a **Personal Rule of Life**.
- Scripture anchor: **Micah 6:8, Matthew 6:19–34**.

**Engagement:**

- “The Calendar Audit”:  
Compare your weekly schedule to what you say your priorities are.
- “Treasure Questions”:  
What spending decisions reflect faith? What doesn’t?

**Goal:** Begin reshaping worldview at the level where people actually live.

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## Feb 11 WEEK 5 — “Reforming How We See Our Neighbor”

Compassion, Justice, and Civic Life

**Purpose:** Apply a Christ-shaped lens to relationships, community, and public life (without turning it into partisan debate).

**Topics:**

- Christian call to justice (Hebrew prophets, Jesus, James)
- Caring for neighbors we like... and don't like
- Handling political differences in Christlike ways
- Discernment vs. outrage
- Truthfulness in a misinformation culture

**Engagement:**

- Case studies:  
Situations involving immigration, poverty, racial tension, or civic disagreements.  
Groups answer: *What would Christ see here? How would he respond?*

**Goal:** Help people move away from gut-level partisanship toward thoughtful Christian discernment.

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## Feb 18 WEEK 6 — “Reforming How We See the Future”

Living Out a Reshaped Worldview

**Purpose:** Bring the whole course together and help each participant name their “corrected lenses.”

**Core Elements:**

- Reflection on the series:
  - What has shifted?
  - Where is there resistance?
- Introduce a **Worldview Rule of Life**  
(a short, personal set of commitments shaped by the course).
- Engagement:
  - Each participant drafts a 5–7 point “Corrective Lenses Covenant.”
- Scripture anchor: **2 Corinthians 5:17 — New creation.**

**Goal:** Participants leave with concrete commitments—not just interesting ideas.