

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.