
II. Consider the use of the term “world” in your spiritual life, our lives.

a. How is this word widely used in the congregation today?

b. List the first three scriptures that come to mind when you consider the term world?

c. Why do you believe these passages are the first ones that you thought of?

d. Why do you believe our perspectives on this specific word are so critical?

III. What are the dangers of misunderstanding this term? Have you been affected? Indicate how in the spaces below.

a. Develop a preoccupation or even fear concerning “evil/world order.”

- b. Inability to accurately understand the difference between sacred and secular; spiritual and worldly (fleshly, carnality).

- c. Lack of concern for anything good or positive that comes from the world – like humanitarian efforts, social concerns – positive aspects of culture. Causes us to be quick to devalue and dismiss them.

- d. Development of cynicism, despair... becoming desensitized to what concerns others.

- e. Critical misunderstanding and dismissal concerning nature (the environment), the cosmos, etc.

- f. Super spiritualism can develop.

- g. Superiority complexes can develop, causing us to relate to people different from us with prejudices.

IV. Sacred, Secular & Sinful Things: Three Critical Categories

- a. What does sacred mean to you?

