

Monday with the Prof Notes

March 1, 2021

- Tonight's discussion was great, since the key question/response to the material on ISJ was: "What do we do know?" Joseph suggested that (1) you need to learn what the ISJ worldview is; (2) you need to learn and know your personal Christian worldview more than you ever have in the past, you cannot just 'go to church' and rely on you pastor to fix everything; and lastly (3) teach you beliefs/biblical worldview whenever you can, whether that be in your family, friends, or acquaintance. Gone are the days when a believer could live knowing that the people around them believed in the same basic view of reality. Christians are called to be 'salt and light' to their society, so deeper knowledge of one's faith is called for in a postmodern society.
- Next, the discussion turned towards an application of getting involved in local politics to help influence the culture around us for the Gospel. It was mentioned in that discussion that it would be great to get involved, but the individual would need to know that they 'will' (no ifs) be labeled as being "hateful" for their beliefs. We need people in local politics and school boards, but the individual needs to know that they will suffer for Christ in the political arena.
- The groups conversation then turned to the common idea in ISJ churches, "We need to love people by accepting them." The issue with this statement is that the Bible does not allow us to 'accept' sin and say we are 'loving them' in their sin. The church is called to love by pointing to the sins that Jesus bore on the cross for those exact sins. If a believer accepts sin, they are saying Jesus suffered and died needlessly.
- Lastly, Joseph recommended the book, ["Why Social Justice is not Biblical Justice" by Scott David Allen](#), to anyone who wanted to go deeper in the subject of ISJ and contrast it more with the Judeo-Christian worldview.