Biblical Christians in Culture. *Looking at the world through the lens of The Word.*Discovering, applying biblical Truth,confronting untruth with Truth.

Part One: Have We Lost Our Minds?

Everyone believes something. Everyone’s belief affects their views. Everyone’s views impact how they live. Everyone begins living, by thinking.

*REPEATED THEMES 1. Belief affects behavior and behavior affects belief. 2. Everyone everywhere has assumptions, pre-thinking. 3. Christian thinking is molded by Scripture’s commands, principles, & doctrine 4. Everyone has “doctrine” that forms their thinking. 5. Doctrine influences living.*

Introduction: Everyone has a “mindset.” Benefits & detriments of a **“Fixed” vs “Growth” mindset** perspective in education: (1) Everyone is “fixed” (2) “Growth” only goes one way (3) You can’t “grow” unless you are “fixed” somewhere. (4) “Fixed” = assumptions.

**Overview of “Have We Lost Our Minds?!”**

* ***Frames* are assumptions about our ideas, saying, “This is where knowing begins for us.”**
* ***Facts* are evidence of ideas we point to telling, “This is why we know what we know.”**
* ***Faiths* are beliefs or claims for which we declare, “This is what we know.”**
* ***Feelings* are the emotions we express about our knowledge shouting, “This is how I know.”**

**The Christian “Fixed” Mindset –** Colossians 2:3, “In\* Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” “In” tells both place and means. “Christ-centered” = my assumption. There are no brute facts. Equality of beliefs is impossible. Neutrality is a MYTH

**The Christian “Growth” Mindset –** Colossians 2:4, “I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. A Christian view of study is broadminded in the sense that everything is open for investigation. A Christian, however, is close-minded (as is everyone to their own beliefs) in this: all knowledge is from and through Christ.

**In Him, All Things Hold Together** – Colossians 1:17, Genesis 1-11 **FIX** my assumptions about God, creation, humans; All of science depends on a **FIXED**, coherent, orderly, logical universe; impossible from an evolutionary view.

**Jesus’ “Fixed” Views** – John 4:48—Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders you will never believe. [People think that in order to prove something to be true, “It has to happen to me.”] John 5:47—If you don’t believe Moses’ words, how will you believe me? [Words form the basis for belief.] John 20:25—Unless I put my hands in his side I will not believe. [For many, the five senses are crucial for believing something.] Mark 16:14—He rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. [Some people reject the witnesses of truth claims, like the resurrection just because they didn’t see it with their own eyes.]

**Questions: Where Do We Go from Here**

1. How will The Scriptures and The Spirit influence my thinking?
2. Why should I respect men and women of the past who have added to human knowledge?
3. What assumptions about life do I make every day and why do they matter?
4. Who disagrees with me and why and what can I learn from their view of the world?
5. When I read, listen to, or watch the news how am I interpreting the information I receive?