

Sermon Worksheet

“What is in Your Bag?”

Instructions: Under each category, prayerfully fill in aspects of your life that influence, positively and negatively, how you read and interpret the Bible, worship God, and live out your faith. After completing the worksheet, go into prayer asking God to reveal what needs to be transformed by the Holy Spirit to draw you closer to Him (Greatest Commandment) and others (Second Commandment). What should stay in your bag and what needs to come out?

1. Family/Childhood

2. Life Experiences

3. Church, Denominations, Traditions

4. Biblical Teachings/Theology

5. Presuppositions, Ideologies, Political Views

6. Worldview (What you believe regarding purpose of life, God, death, and afterlife)

7. Ask yourself these questions:

Why do I believe what I believe?

Can I give an answer to anyone who asks regarding my faith? (1 Peter 3:15)

Is there a pattern in my answers from points 1-6? (For example, what seems to be the major Influencers in my life? Are they biblical or non-biblical? If biblical, are they based on a good solid interpretation? If non-biblical, what is the source?)

Conclusion: Take all that you wrote out and go into prayer asking God to reveal what needs to be transformed by the Holy Spirit to draw you closer to Him (Greatest Commandment) and others (Second Commandment). What should stay in your bag and what needs to come out?