

# MAD WORLD

LIVING SANE IN A CRAZY WORLD

## Mad World Series

## Part 3 - "What Keeps You Centered?"

Small Group Material

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Participant Guide

**Bottom Line:** *We must surrender what we know to be true to Him who is the Truth.*

**Study Verses:** *1 John 2:15-17, James 4:4-7, Matthew 7:13-14, Proverbs 14:12, Ephesians 2:14-16, James 3:16*

### Key Points

- *We are born to trust. Everyone comes into this world needing someone else.*
- *Our hearts will remain restless until we find something to support our trust.*
- *What we see awakens something in us.*
- *The more we see, the more we want. The more we want, the more we look for it.*
- *We have to learn how to think redemptively.*
- *As long as we focus on the issues and continue to ignore what's at the center, nothing will change.*
- *Processing what we believe requires us to be still and quiet. Clarity doesn't come in the midst of the noise.*
- *He created you for Himself and He's not going to let go of that very easily.*
- *There's no point in having strong views if you only have them in order to put people in their place.*
- *The madness of this world won't change by simply winning an argument.*
- *Grace comes to us by submission to the Truth.*

## ENCOUNTER

- When you become self-sufficient, you become self-centered. What are some warning signs that you are trying to find your sufficiency in yourself? How does one know when they're being self-centered?
- How is the church supposed to engage in culture and address issues taking place in our world?
- How do you have strong views about something without putting yourself in the center or putting someone else in their place?
- Where are you winning an argument about the issues but losing a relationship? What makes issues so important to you?

## FORMATION

- Read Matthew 7:13-14. How does following the narrowing road lead to life rather than restriction? Why do few people find their feet on this road?
- Read James 4:4-7 and Proverbs 14:12. Why does pride stand in opposition to God? How does pride cloud our judgment and response to this mad world?
- Read 1 John 2:15-17 and Proverbs 14:12. How does the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life play off of our envy and selfish ambition? What cycle does this mindset create?

## EXPRESSION

- What leads you to take things that are true and make them about you (insecurities, the desire to be right, pride, the need for control, etc.)?
- We must surrender what we know to be true to Him who is the Truth. Where are you most resistant to submit yourself to God's truth?
- What we see awakens something in us. The more we see, the more we want. The more we want, the more we look for it. If this is true, where are your eyes set and what does that say about what you truly want?