




Media, politics
and culture:
Having a
gospel view of
everything

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- ▶ “A spiritual leader knows that all of life, down to its smallest detail, has to do with God. If we are to lead people to see and reflect God’s glory, we must think theologically about everything. We must work toward a synthesis of all things. We must probe to see how things fit together. How do war and sports and pornography and birthday celebrations and literature and space travel and disease and enterprise all hang together? How do they relate to God and his purposes?”

(John Piper, [*The Marks of a Spiritual Leader*](#), Desiring God)



▶ 2 Corinthians 10

Brainstorm



- ▶ What are the live issues in media, politics or culture at the moment?
- ▶ What are people talking about?
- ▶ What area of life do we think has no particular connection to the gospel?

1. Is the way I view this different to my culture?
2. Is the way I view this different to how a Muslim or a Catholic might view the issue?
3. What are the underlying understandings of truth, the world, human nature, God?
4. What are the underlying heart issues?
5. Where could this lead? What is the extreme version of this?
6. How do I approach this as a [theologian of the Cross](#) not a theologian of glory?
7. How does the Bible story line make a difference?
8. How does the Trinity (the Spirit-Anointed Son revealing the Father) make a difference?
9. How does the incarnation, death, resurrection, ascension and return of Christ make a difference?
10. How do total depravity and justification by faith make a difference?
11. How can I say something faithful, gracious and surprising?

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