

Understanding the Times

Scope and Sequence

The Understanding the Times Series comprehensively covers the biblical worldview, the Great Commission, understanding competing worldviews, and how to engage today’s culture and defend the faith with sound biblical theology and powerful apologetics. The Understanding the Times Series invites students to become informed disciples and does not shy away from difficult subjects. It assists teachers in creating an environment where biblical teaching and lively discussion equips students to influence their generation for Christ. Each year includes numerous individual and group activities as well as supplemental videos from worldview experts.

The Understanding the Times Series builds upon Summit’s elementary and middle school curriculum series—Building on the Rock and Walking in Truth—to deepen students’ knowledge of the biblical worldview and their ability to engage in further comparative worldview studies.

	Book I Foundations	Book II Apologetics	Book III Worldviews	Book IV Culture
Main Focus	Teaches the basics of the Christian faith and how to walk with God individually and in community.	Presents the importance of evangelism and apologetics and how to respond to common objections to a biblical worldview.	Surveys today’s major worldviews of secularism, Marxism, postmodernism, new spirituality, and Islam in comparison with Christianity.	Outlines the key social issues of our time and shows students how a biblical worldview can provide a compassionate, effective witness in culture today.
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and authority of the Bible and how to read it • The six acts and the interlude of the biblical metanarrative • The nature of God and of humanity • Christian living individually and corporately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible’s trustworthiness and metanarrative • The Christian’s calling to evangelism and apologetics • Faith in a pluralistic and skeptical age • Biblical responses on the topics of science, evil, hell, violence, and gender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation, analysis, and critique of six worldviews • Discussion of worldview implications in theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of culture • Christianity and culture in history • Preparing to address cultural issues • Biblical responses on technology, the arts, the value of human life, sexuality and marriage, creation care, politics, religious freedom, poverty, justice, and community renewal