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5 Quiz Questions:

- 1) How do postmodernists question the idea of metanarratives?
- 2) How do postmoderns believe we should view the world?
- 3) What is one issue with viewing the world postmodernly?
- 4) What do reformists believe in sexual matters?
- 5) What Scripture represents what Paul believes about modernity versus postmodernity?

Answers:

- 1) "Neither intellectual unity nor cultural unity is possible any longer, for both are a result of misleading attempts to describe the world, attempts that are always bound up with the maintenance of power through ideas and symbols (109)."
- 2) "Men and women increasingly look at the world through a new lens and make their moral judgments within a new framework - the therapeutic (118)."
- 3) Truth is inconsistent in the postmodern world and therefore subject to change based on the emotions of the individual.
- 4) That "loving relationships, wholeness, and fulfillment are the keys to sexual meaning (121)."
- 5) "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:2, Hollinger 123)."

3 Terms:

- 1) Metanarratives: "An overarching account or interpretation of events and circumstances that provides a pattern or structure for people's beliefs and gives meaning to their experiences (Oxford dictionary)."
- 2) Logocentrism: "The Western culture's love affair with rationality, meaning, and truth (109)."
- 3) Postmodernity: "a period or movement representing a departure from modernism and characterized by the self-conscious use of earlier styles and conventions, a mixing of different artistic styles and media, and a general distrust of theories (Oxford dictionary)."

1 Summary Paragraph:

The debate between the postmodernism worldview and morality from a Christianity perspective holds the validity of what truth actually is at its core. Postmodernists embrace the idea that truth is subjective and essentially is best at "cultivating an ethic that seeks the well-being of each individual" (106). Morality is subjective to individual preferences and thus challenges the Christian perspective and foundation in Scripture. This in itself can serve to undermine the authority of God and His Word of truth.