

## **WORK ASSIGNMENT:**

1. In my culture people do think like Rebecca from chapter 5.

Although I grew up hearing this and seeing it within the church I always assisted, I used to never believe it. Later, I learned that these people who were teaching me had no knowledge of the actual cause of certain characteristics, behaviors, and situations. Everything was the demons doing and he was trying to get in the way of something. Of course, later I began to ask a lot of questions and things were just not adding up and seemed unusual. I would share my thoughts, and some said I was incredulous. I now believe that yes, the enemy does try to get in the way of Gods purpose over people's lives and in the way of situations but in many cases, there are scientific explanations to what happens and often there is a solution to it. Many time people would just believe it is the devil and only pray, which praying is always the way to go but we also need to move/act when we need to. I don't think challenging assumptions is ever

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easy. Things that we know/believe are deeply rooted and as the chapter said we humans are so limited, but I think it is simply to unlearn and learn new things. We know what we see and hear around us but once we are willing to step out, we become aware of so many realities. Gaining knowledge, reading, and having conversations that challenge our worldview is important. The last question is tricky because I honestly believe it depends on the person. It would have depended on me. My family was not/is not racist and they are against racism and so am I, but there are other things I grew up seeing/hearing and behaviors I needed to unlearn because I realized they weren't healthy. So, if a person accepts it or rejects it is because they chose to follow/unfollow what they knew.

2. I 100% do agree that we should humbly evaluate our own beliefs and with much care. I can speak through my own experiences, and I remember living in my own world with my own beliefs and understandings of things. I would feel confronted, uncomfortable, and defensive when others saw things differently. Until I began facing hardship, then I began to learn, see, and

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understand the world in a different way. I was very closed minded not because I didn't care about what other thought but honestly because it was challenging to change the way I thought because I was so used to the world I saw. I understood then that my knowledge and understanding of things was so limited and God was, and thought are way higher and greater than mine. I should challenge myself and not limit myself to my own way of thinking.

**8.** I found reading and learning more about hermeneutics very interesting! When I read scripture I try my best not to jump to conclusion or interpret it under my own understanding but am sure to study the context like location, culture, language etc. I search to see who wrote the chapter, who is speaking and who is being spoken to. Something the author mentioned was reading other credible sources. I have done many things the author mentions, and this is one that I have adopted most so I was happy to see it there. I always like to search credible sources to see if I am not way off or if others have different views, understandings, and findings. I think many of us make the mistake to read

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scripture and interpret it with our own “small minds” but truth is  
God’s word is so deep and we cannot interpret it alone. To get a  
full grasp of God’s word, it is in fact greater if we use all the  
tools God has places before us.