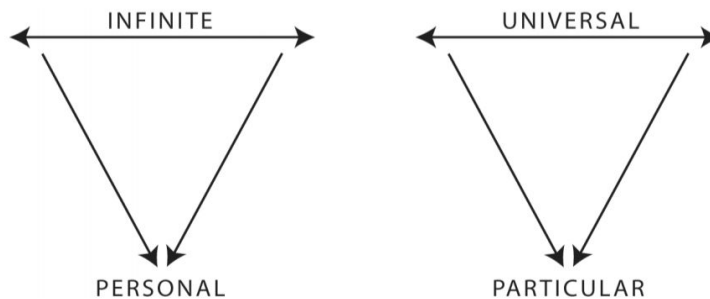


A Praying Life

Topic #3: Following Jesus out of Cynicism

Question: What is Cynicism?

Christianity: We have a Universal and Infinite God that cares about the personal and particular.



Notes on the “Sacred vs. Secular” Divide:

Question: Why is Cynicism attractive to us? _____

Group Activity: Psalm 23 (NIV)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Question: What are some things in our life we take for granted?

How is Cynicism the opposite of a “child-like” spirit?

Recommended Resources

- Read the book “A Praying Life” by Paul Miller (for purchase at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))
- Take “Prayer Cards” Course by See Jesus ministries (seejesus.net/prayercards)
- Also, Pray with us after the class, during the second service in the double classroom!