KEEPING FAITHFUL TO OUR LORD IN A GROWING HOSTILE CULTURE Key Verse: Romans 12:1–2

Session #1 Current Culture, the Bible, and Secular Public Education

1. Introduction

2. Current culture

Molds of Culture Since 1600—Part 1

Reformation: faith alone in Christ alone

[1600s]

Enlightenment: reason alone in Man alone

[1700s]

Romanticism: personal experience and feelings alone in Man alone [1800s]

Molds of Culture Since 1600—Part 2

Romanticism: personal experience and feelings alone in Man alone [1800s]

Existentialism (modern): self alone [1900s]

Existentialism (post-modern): social group

alone [post 1960s]

3. The Bible

- a. Must be brought into full contact with each area of life
- b. Christian young people
- c. The Bible Framework (www.BibleFramework.com)
- d. Transforming our minds

4. Secular Education

BIBLEFRAMEWORK

SECULAR LEGAL HOSTILITY TO BIBLICAL FAITH

[There must be legal and constitutional limits on the ability of homeschooling parents "to teach their children idiosyncratic and illiberal beliefs and values". . . . [Government control must be exercised against] "parents [who] want to teach against the enlightenment. . . . Parental control over children's basic education flows from the state (rather than visa versa). States delegate power over children's basic education to parents. . . " Kimberly A. Yurako, "Education Off the Grid...", California Law Review 96 (February 2008) (She is a professor at the Northwestern University School of Law)

BIGLEFRAVEWORK

John Dewey on Christianity & Democracy

"I cannot understand how any realization of the democratic ideal as a vital moral and spiritual ideal in human affairs is possible without the surrender of the conception of the basic division to which supernatural Christianity is committed." [A Common Faith, p. 84)

5. <u>Conclusion</u>

We need to see the total framework of the 66-book library. Bible authors' use of the framework—Joshua 24:1–23; Acts 7:2–53