

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Have you ever been in a cross cultural situation? Describe that time. What did you enjoy about it? In what ways was it challenging?

2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12.
 - In this verse, it tells us to abstain from the culture of the world. In the sermon, Chris mentioned 7 cultures of the world. Which one do you struggle with the most (i.e. you desire to conform to it). Why?

 - Which is the simplest for you to resist? Why?

 - The list of 7 is not exhaustive. What are some other cultures of the world that you have seen which Christians are tempted to conform to?

 - Looking at the list of 7 and your list, which of these cultures are most prevalent in the American Christian Church? What steps do you think we need to take to remedy this?

5. Read John 17:6-16 in light of 1 Peter 2:12. What are some of the main ways that Jesus says that we should keep our conduct honorable before non-Christians?

6. John 17 tells us that we should be in the world but not of the world.
 - Using examples, what does it mean to be "in the world."

 - Using examples, what does it mean to "not be of the world."

 - How do you live a balanced life so that you are not too separate from the world yet not too enmeshed in the world?

8. Think of examples from Jesus' life where He walked this balance with excellence.

9. The third mindset that we considered was being "counter-cultural." On a scale of 1-10 (10 being highest), how true is this mindset in your life? Based on the sermon and your study this week, what is one way you can move up some on this scale?

10. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:

- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
- Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
- Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
- Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
- Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
- Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
- Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
- Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
- What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



Living A Life Of Faith Part 5: Counter-Cultural

Hebrews 11:23-30
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Examples of the Culture of the World:

1. Responding Out of Fear (11:23)
2. Desiring Prestige (11:24)
3. Enjoying Sin (11:25)
4. Grasping Wealth (11:26)
5. Mis-Calibrating Your Vision (11:27)
6. Embracing Independence (11:28)
7. Control Your Methods for Success (11:29-30)