



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What is the most beautiful human-made thing you have ever personally seen or heard?

1. Read **Philippians 3:20**. How does your current status as a citizen of heaven impact your life right now?
2. Pastor Tom said that we are "*To live near, but not in...to be close, but not from...to be in, but not of.*" What are you doing to walk that line, and how do you know when you've crossed over it?
3. Read **Philippians 3:17-19**. Verse 19 describes the values of the culture we live in. Which of those values are most tempting to you and what are you doing to keep from drifting into it?
4. Pastor Tom said that "genuine citizen[s] of heaven" will think and live differently from the culture (**Romans 12:2; Colossians 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:11**). Assuming Paul was not instructing the Colossians to obsess over *pearly gates* or *streets of gold*, how would thinking about "things of heaven, not things of earth" change the way you live?
5. "Don't worry if you're different from the world...," Pastor Tom said, "...worry if you're not." What did he mean by this and how is it reflected in your life?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Matthew 26; Psalm 115

Day Two: Leviticus 25; Proverbs 22

Day Three: 2 Corinthians 5; 1 Kings 11

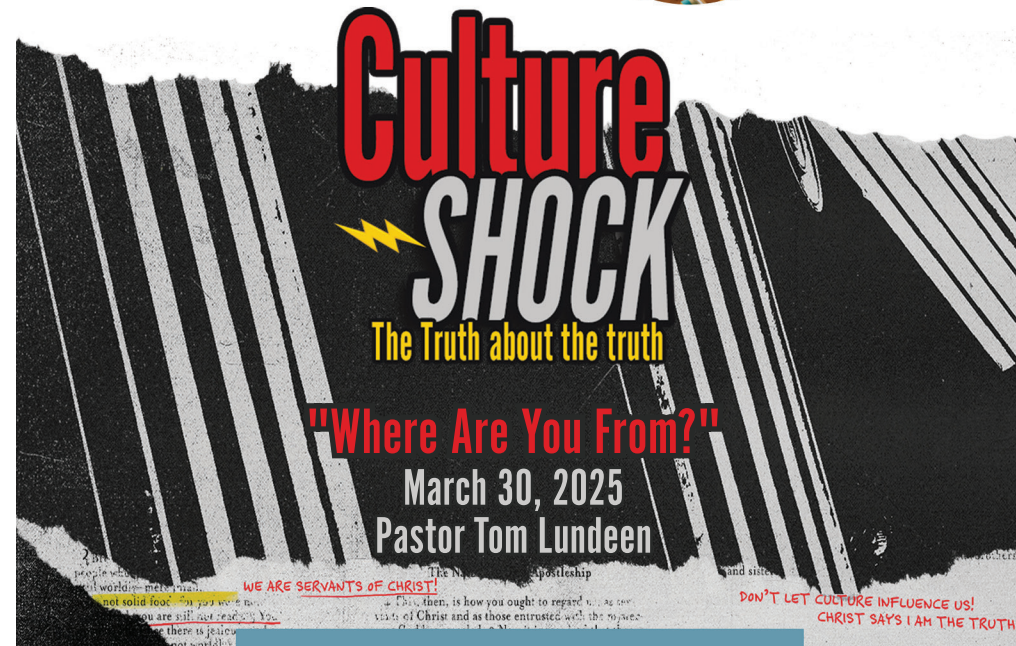
Day Four: Revelation 7; Jeremiah 49

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 11; Acts 3

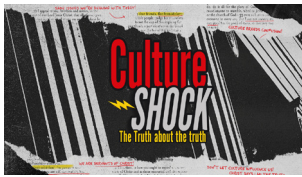
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MESSAGE NOTES

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March 30, 2025
Pastor Tom Lundeen

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And these _____ true beliefs are embraced by all types of people, including Jesus' followers at times.

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But where you're from doesn't have to be a _____ sentence... especially if you say 'YES!' to Jesus as Lord.

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Note **Philippians 3:20**

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We start to think that it's what makes me _____ that really matters.

But if you're a genuine citizen of heaven, the Scriptures tell us two important things:

2. You Will _____ Differently from Culture (note **Romans 12:2**)

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Our _____ isn't determined by the culture (note **Colossians 3:1-2**).

But when I say 'YES!' to Jesus as Lord, God works throughout my whole life to _____ my mind.

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So when the _____ starts to change the way we think, that starts to change the way we live/act.

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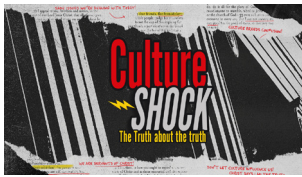
- Where are you from?
- Since this world isn't my _____, I think and live differently.
- If I don't actively resist the current of the culture, I'll _____ into the deception of the culture.
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