



LESSON 1

Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing on what Jesus had to say about engaging our culture. This week, the lesson was titled "Alike But Not Alike." In this lesson, we helped students learn that they are called by Jesus to be in the world, but to live as if they were separate. We challenged them to honestly evaluate their relationship with culture, and who their actions say they more strongly identify with: Christ or the world.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- John 15:18-21
- 1 John 2:15-17

Please take a few minutes this week to read these passages.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help him or her to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- Ask your teenager if they can summarize what they have learned in Bible study this week. Focus as much on the application of what was learned as you would on the knowledge itself.
- Take turns coming up with practical examples of how Christ-followers set themselves apart from culture.
- Think of areas in your life where you may be too cozy with culture. Share these with your teenager. Ask him or her to do the same with you.
- Evaluate areas in your family's life where you might be too strongly identified with the world (i.e., the movies you watch, some of the music you listen to, and so on) and commit to changing your attitude toward these areas.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ME.