

JESUS AND CULTURE

Lesson 3

Dear Parents,

Hello! Believe it or not, we just passed the third lesson of our four-lesson look at what Jesus had to say about engaging with culture. Lesson 3 was titled “Making An Impact.” In this lesson, we helped students learn that as Christ-followers committed to the Gospel, they must be willing to bravely impact culture, especially those who the world has cast aside as having little or no value. We helped challenge students to identify the “outcasts” in their world who are most in need of Christ, and to commit to engaging with them with the purpose of sharing the Gospel.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- Matthew 9:9-13
- James 1:27

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 he or she has learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- This week your teenager was challenged to do something very specific. He or she was challenged to look around his or her school and identify people who the world has cast-aside, falsely labeling them as “not valuable.”
- Then, your teenager was challenged to make an effort to reach out to this individual, even if it is a small gesture, to show this person the love of Christ.
- Follow up with your teenager to see where he or she is on this. If he or she needs help identifying someone, help him or her. Maybe your teenager needs help following through on showing this person kindness. Encourage your teenager to be bold and to impact his or her world by reaching out to those who have been marginalized by our culture.

Thank you for all you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.