



## **WK 1 CC CONNECT GROUP STUDY //**

**Date:** Week Beginning 08.04.18

**Topic:** Series Intro & Overview

**Text:** **Luke 8:1** *"Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God..."*

### **STUDY 1 // KINGDOM CULTURE**

The dictionary defines culture, in the anthropological sense, as: *'the sum total of ways of living built up by a group of human beings and transmitted from one generation to another.'*

'Culture' is made up of the **values, beliefs, underlying assumptions, attitudes** and **behaviours** shared by a group of people. This series is about clearly articulating the culture of The Kingdom of God, as preached and proclaimed by Jesus, and to which He continues to call us to live vibrantly into as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our mission statement at Cross Central reflects that we are here for God's glory and the ultimate demonstration of glorifying God is a human life being transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The more we are being transformed, and the more people being transformed the greater the glory goes to God. Another way to say this is 'making disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus.'

This series will help us understand we are all called to this mission, we are surrounded everyday with opportunities to engage in this mission, and that this is our highest purpose for being alive at this point in history. Everything that has happened in our lives has brought us to this point for this purpose: to proclaim the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Anything less than this, is to settle for a poor imitation of the greatest adventure worthy of this precious gift of life we have been given by God.



## **READ MARK 16:15-16**

What thoughts and/or emotions arise when you read these verses?

## **SUNDAY SERMON PERSONAL //**

Whether you were at Cross Central on Sunday, or you watched the sermon on our youtube channel, what are some discussion points that stuck out to you, that you would like to share with the group?

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## **SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION //**

### ***Read & Discuss Acts 4:1-3***

What sort of resistance do you think we face when proclaiming the gospel? How does it compare to opposition in these verses?

### ***Read & Discuss Acts 4:4-7***

What were the results of Peter and John's outreach? How did this opportunity come about (Acts 3:1-10)?

### ***Read & Discuss Acts 4:8-10***

Who is preaching and what might have been a barrier from his past (Luke 22:54-62) that could have stopped him from being so bold?

### ***Read & Discuss Acts 4:11-13***

How clear is Peter's gospel message (vs11-12)? What stood out to the religious accusers (vs13)? What can we learn from this for ourselves?

### ***Read & Discuss Acts 4:14-17***

What silences any opposition (vs14)? What must forces must we be aware of that seek to suppress the spreading of the gospel?

### ***Read & Discuss Acts 4:18-22***

How must we respond to the opposition of the gospel and sharing Jesus?



## **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION //**

1. What has God spoken to you about in this study?
2. Share some moments you have felt or experienced opposition to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Why is resistance important?

## **SERIES OBJECTIVES //**

These are our four main goals for this series. Which one of these objectives has been highlighted to you in this study and what action will you take, because of it, this week?:

- 1. Reinforce and teach our Cross Central value of 'BEYOND'**
- 2. Provide a Biblical perspective of OUTREACH and DISCIPLESHIP.**
- 3. Overcome personal fears and perceived barriers to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with people.**
- 4. Actively deploy each of our God given gifts as disciples of Jesus, for the mission of making disciples of Jesus.**

## **PRAYING FOR YOU THIS WEEK //**

How can I pray for you this week?

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