



Week 3: Counter Counter Culture || How to Lose a Culture War

Ice Breaker:

Thinking back to 2022... what's something positive that occurred during the year that brought you joy or a sense of accomplishment?

Group Discussion Questions:

Read Matthew 20:25-28

- 1. How can we as Christians live the way Jesus called us to live in a pluralistic society, sharing a country (workplace, school, neighborhood, etc.) with people who believe differently than we do?**
- 2. What are some of the challenges the Jewish people faced at the time this was written? Do any of the challenges seem similar to the ones we face today?**

Read Galatians 5:22-23

Read Colossians 4:5-6

- 3. “Jesus didn’t come to earth to recruit culture warriors. He came to recruit disciples who will imitate his sacrificial love.” How can we live wisely and be an example to non-believers? What’s one specific way you practice showing graciousness to others?**

Read Ephesians 5:12

- 4. How does it change your perspective when you consider the spiritual elements of the battlefield that Paul wrote about in his letter to the Ephesians? What questions does this raise for you?**

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

- 5. Josh pointed to three “bottom line” points in his message: (a) Faith, not force; (b) Empathy, not empire; and (c) Love, not lust for power. Considering these, he made the argument that Christians lose a culture war by waging one, and – in contrast – the best evangelism is often through living in the loving ways Jesus taught and modeled. What’s one step you can make this year to live your life in a more Jesus-centered way?**