

Week 6: Counter Counter Culture | How Christians Can Shape Culture

Ice Breaker:

Thinking back over the last six weeks, what has stood out for you in this message series?

Group Discussion and Questions:

- 1. Research shows that people are often "hooked" on particular brands (or even habits) between the ages of 18-34. Is there any product or pattern of thinking you got hooked on and are still using because of advertising or a specific influence in your life?
- 2. Discuss the four ways Josh listed that Christians have tried to change culture: Condemn it; Critique it; Copy it; Consume it. What makes it challenging to change culture using these methods? What examples come to mind?
- 3. Read Matthew 20:25-28 and Acts 2:42-47. What do you notice in these passages? **Consider how, as**Jesus followers, we have the opportunity to use "kingdom power" to change or shape our

  culture. How might this look in your own daily walk as a Christ-follower? How can we share hope and life with others?
- 4. The bottom line of this series was summed up in this quote: "The church doesn't *have* a social strategy." The church *is* a social strategy." **How does this resonate with you in your personal life** (family/friends), workplace, or connections to our community?