

Reject Cultural Norms



GETTING STARTED

What's one of your favorite movies? How would you summarize the message of that movie?

Movies have a tremendous impact on our culture. This week, we'll see the way cultural norms can negatively affect the church and what we can do about it.

We want to:

- Recognize the ways we've integrated cultural norms into our lives and attitudes toward our local church.
- Feel conviction over the ways we're holding on to what the world says we should do rather than what Christ says.
- Reject the cultural norms we've latched on to by giving them up and choosing to focus our attention and energy on God and others.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-21

*Watch The Book of 1 Corinthians
Session 3*

DISCUSS

In what ways had the Corinthians bought into the cultural norms of the day? Were those norms godly? Why not?

What are some examples of godless cultural norms that have seeped into the church? How have they affected your attitude toward church, other Christians, or yourself?

What difference does it make to you to know that you belong to Christ and not yourself? In what ways does that idea push against the message the culture says about you?

What fears or concerns do you have about going against the cultural norm in favor of godliness?

Think of one cultural norm that affects you every day. What could it look like for you to go against that norm in your school, work, or home this week?

CONCLUDE

Following Jesus often means going against the cultural trends of life. It means we treat people well, maintain integrity, and forgive people when they wrong us. Jesus's love is radical and as those who experience it, we get to offer it to each other and the world around us.

