

Culture is a set of shared values, norms, and beliefs adopted as the way to think, feel, and behave. As Christians, we must cultivate a Biblical culture, which means extracting principles from the Bible and living them out as a body of believers.

As Christians, our culture should be based on the mission of every Christian — as identified by Jesus Himself in Matthew 28:19-20 — which is “to honor God and make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers”. This is our mission as a church, but while it refers to what we should do, vision gives us a picture of what the future can be like if we do it. As CCF, our vision is “to see a movement of millions of committed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting in small groups and transforming lives, families, communities and nations, for the glory of God” (Revelation 7:9).

In this message series, we will be discussing our core values, which are: Love God, Love Others; Obey God's Word and Authorities, Volunteer, and Engage the Family. Our core values encourage the growth of a Biblical culture — so what does loving God and others look like?

LOVE GOD (MATTHEW 22:36-38)

The first and greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:36-38, Luke 10:27), but this is something we cannot do on our own — it is God who enables us to love Him! When we sin, it is because we fail to see how wonderful God is in His grace, mercy, and love towards us. We all need to grow in loving God (1 John 5:3).

In loving God, we think of what will glorify and honor Him first, and this affects how we make daily decisions. We may sometimes feel that being a Christian is burdensome, but as we get to know God and love Him more, we realize that He wants what is best for us and that we can trust Him. His commandments are for our best interest. “The things we daydream about the most readily and instinctively when nothing else is occupying our thoughts reveal what we live for and serve” (Tim Keller). If we love God, we love Jesus; and if we love Jesus, we will obey Jesus. Jesus' culture will be our culture (John 14:15).

LOVE OTHERS (MATTHEW 22:39-40)

In Matthew 22, Jesus continues with the second commandment: to love others (vv.39-40). In this context, Jesus was explaining to a lawyer who was trying to test Him. The religious people did not like Jesus because He would hang out with the sinners, and this lawyer wanted Jesus to say something that could be used against Him (Luke 10:25).

Lawyers during this time were experts on the Old Testament Law, which were the first five books of the Bible. When Jesus returned the question to the lawyer (v.26), he answered correctly, to which Jesus replied: “Do this and you will live” (v.28). Jesus knew what was in his heart: he wanted to justify himself (v.29). Until we see ourselves for who we really are — sinners in need of a Savior — we will always try to justify ourselves and miss the point. Nobody can fully love God and be good enough for heaven. We need Jesus.

Jesus then goes on to tell a story about a man from Jerusalem going to Jericho, who encountered robbers, was beaten, left for dead, and needed help (v.30). A priest came upon him, and so did a Levite, but both passed by on the other side (vv.31-32). Help did not come from these two religious leaders. However, the Samaritan, an enemy of the Jews, felt compassion when he came upon the man and took care of him (vv.33-34). He was even willing to shoulder the cost of the man's recovery and did not limit his time nor his assistance. This was a supernatural kind of love! Jesus then asked the lawyer who among the three proved to be a neighbor (v.36), and as the lawyer identified “the one who showed mercy toward him”, Jesus told him to “go and do the same” (v.37).

Jesus commands us to love this way (Luke 6:27) and to forgive others (1 Peter 4:8), and we cannot do both apart from Him. God loves us, and sent Jesus to take our place and die on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:10), granting us forgiveness. Because He forgave us, we can forgive others; and because He loves us, we can love others too. By God's grace, we can do supernatural things like loving our enemies, praying for those who curse us, and forgiving people who have hurt us.

Jesus is both the loving Savior and the Good Samaritan. Like Him, may we be known to have a culture of loving God and loving others.

last week's memory verse

And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

LUKE 10:27

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Who do you love most today? What is preventing you from loving Jesus above all?

Who in your life is in need? How can Jesus use you to love like He loves?

How can you grow in your love for God and for others?

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

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with Geri Lantin

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God brought you here
for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful
life with Him in the present and gain
eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**
His covenant and His lovingkindness to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
– Deuteronomy 7:9

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us
from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for
us to be reconciled to Him: through His
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised to life for
eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by His
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of
God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven of our sins and saved from
eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift
of God; not as a result of works, so that no
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I
am a sinner. I believe that You died on
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please
come into my life and be my Savior and
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal
life. Make me the kind of new person You
want me to be. Thank You for giving me
eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life
when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name of
the Son of God, so that you may know that
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13

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