

Warming Up *(Discussion Starters, icebreakers, transitions)*

- What's one message or value you think our culture constantly tries to push on us?
 - How do you see that value influencing people you know (or even yourself)?
 - Have you ever felt pressure to either totally withdraw from culture or just blend into it?
 - What did you do in that moment, and what would you do differently now?
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Digging Deeper

- What distressed Paul about Athens in **Acts 17**, and how did he respond?
 - What does Paul's response teach us about how Christians should engage with culture today?
 - In **1 Corinthians 1:18–31**, how does Paul turn the idea of "honor" upside down?
 - How is this radically different from the honor/shame system in Corinth (and in our world)?
 - What does **1 Corinthians 9:19–23** reveal about Paul's approach to different people and perspectives?
 - What would it look like for us to become "all things to all people" in our own communities?
 - In what ways do modern culture and ancient Corinth share similar values around identity, sexuality, and public recognition?
 - How might understanding these cultural pressures help us respond more wisely as believers?
 - How does a Christian worldview answer the four ultimate questions: Origin, Meaning, Morality, Destiny?
 - Which of those four questions is most often misunderstood or challenged today? Why?
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Bringing It Home

- What would it look like for you to engage culture like Paul (with compassion, truth, and wisdom)?
 - What's one situation this week where you might live out that kind of engagement?
 - Can you put yourself there?
 - In what ways are you tempted to *withdraw* or *acquiesce*?
 - What truths from Scripture can help you stay rooted and courageous in those moments?
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Pray together!