



Bible study for the week starting April 21, 2024

SHARE

What is it like being a Christian in culture? How does your life look different than anyone else? Do you blend in? Stand out?

What is the “correct way” for Christians to engage with culture?

AGAINST?

ADOPT?

CREATE?

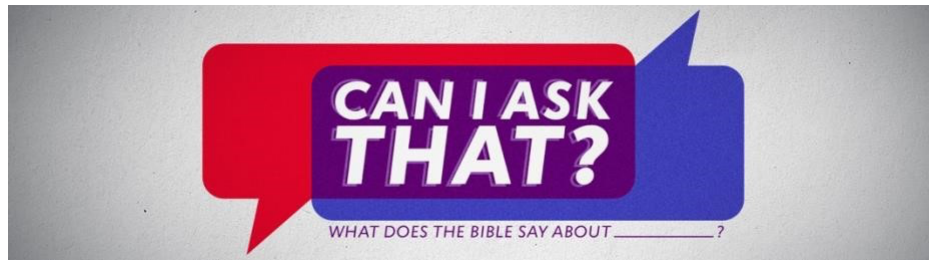
How did Jesus engage with the culture?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **1 John 2:5-17** What sticks out? What detail strikes you in a way it maybe hasn't before?
 - a. What do you find to be the hardest part of this challenge from John?
 - b. How do you love the world...but keep from loving the world?
 - c. He defines the world as the “desires of the flesh, and eyes and the pride of life.” How does your life battle these desires?
2. Read **John 15:12-21**
 - a. “If the world hates you...” Hate them back? JK. How do you love those that hate you? Does this word from Jesus bring comfort or disturbance?
3. Read **1 John 4:18** and **John 16:33**. What do these verses do to the fear that we may have when facing the world?

PRAY

Pray for the world in which we live. For the brokenness and those that are far from the Lord and opportunities to engage culture with the Gospel!



Can I Ask That About Culture?

1 JOHN 2:5-17

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“I do not ask that you take them out of the WORLD, but that you keep them from the evil one.” (John 17:15)

Christians AGAINST Culture

Christians ADOPT Culture

Christians CREATE Culture

“By this we may know we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to WALK in the same way in which he walked.” (1 John 2:5-6)

LOVE the WORLD without loving the WORLD.

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out FEAR.” (1 John 4:18)

Being a Christian in culture is not about having specific POSITION on an issue, but a POSTURE towards a PERSON.

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have OVERCOME the world.” (John 16:33)

For next week: Can I Ask That About Baptism?
Please Read Acts 8:26-40; Romans 6:1-14; Mark 1:1-11