## Con.text: Weaving the Gospel and Culture Keys to the Culture July 26, 2017

| "It is impossible to <u>teach</u> a man what he thinks he already <u>knows</u> . – Epictetus     |
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| U.S. churches average 85 people.   |
| We are perfectly <u>designed</u> to achieve what we are currently achieving.                     |
| "Listen, listen, listen to your patients. They are telling you the answers". – Rene<br>Laennec   |
| Some of our greatest tools for connecting with our culture are our <u>ears</u> and <u>eyes</u> . |
| Key to our Culture: <u>Consumerism</u> .   |
| <u>Meaning</u> - <u>Purpose</u> - <u>Identity</u> - <u>Belonging</u> .                           |
| Consumption is <u>spirituality</u> .   |
| Key to our Culture: <u>Transcendence</u> .   |
| Key to our Culture: <u>Shame</u> .   |
| In our culture, we have declared who is <u>beautiful</u> , therefore we have declared who        |
| is <u>ugly</u> .   |

<sup>&</sup>quot;The man knocking on the door of a brothel is looking for God". – G.K. Chesterton

| Key to our Culture: <u>Substances</u> .  |
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| Escape from pain and looking for transcendency.  |
| John Wesley emphasized <u>prevenient</u> <u>grace</u> .  |
| Key to our Culture: Hope   |
| There is no more <u>empowering</u> doctrine than the <u>priesthood</u> of all <u>believers</u> . |

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