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The Great Commission doesn't have an **expiration date**.

[John 3:17](#)

"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

We are not condemning just a culture, but the very people in it. When the world attacks a value or tradition of ours, it feels personal and we respond personally. Why does the world act any different?

- ≡ You cannot condemn and influence.
- ≡ You cannot show love and condemn at the same time.
- ≡ When you show **love**, you gain **influence**.

When they hear, feel and see the Church withdraw from culture, it puts them in a difficult position. They struggle with:

- ≡ A **God** they know and love.
- ≡ An institution "the Church" that doesn't understand or connect with them.
- ≡ A culture that they walk in and so does all of their **generation**.

Where are the conversations happening when culture and the Church have tension? These need to happen, we are in a time with these Trends:

- ≡ Daily Me
- ≡ The Culture of Offense
- ≡ Age of Rage
- ≡ New Meaning of Words
- ≡ Outsourced Morality

There is a movement happening, albeit small, where this generation of Christ followers have not given up. They see the beauty of these Trends:

- ≡ Mentoring
- ≡ Small Community
- ≡ Help from the South

They are ready to engage in the conversation and influence culture. The question becomes are we ready?

What does being ready and engaging the culture around look like?

- ≡ Wear Christ's demeanor, not just his apparel.
- ≡ Think twice before you post.
- ≡ Attend/expose yourself to Christian events/forums like Q Commons with the eyes of what we are for rather than what you are against.
- ≡ Attend community events in our area, try to stay away from political events.
- ≡ Engage in a generation that is resistant to engaging. We have trained them to be that way.