



Culture Shock
Countercultural Living Through the Sermon on the Mount
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Key Verses: Matthew 5:17-20

Key Thought: Jesus welcomes the broken AND he calls us to radical wholeness.

Points to Consider:

- Christ Community Church exists to awaken the broken to a life of wholeness found in Jesus.
- To go from brokenness to wholeness requires Adaptation.

Convictions that Make us Resistant to Adaptation:

- Feeling a sense of obligation toward righteousness is legalism
 - Legalism is toxic. God declares us to be righteous because of God’s grace. We do not earn salvation.
 - Romans 3:31
 - Sanctification is not optional and not for the spiritually elite.
 - God doesn’t want wholes from us – he wants it for us.
 - Without sanctification, there is no hope.
 - Adaptation isn’t something we should strive towards if we get around to it. It is something we should be running after with all of our heart.
- People who try to be righteous are obnoxious
 - They do all their deed to be seen by others.
 - Isaiah 29:13, Matthew 23:23, Matthew 23:12
- Obligating a person to change is unloving because it implies you do not accept them
 - God values us and loves us when we have not conformed to his ways.
 - Romans 5:8, Matthew 11:28-30
 - We were created for wholeness. Brokenness is keeping us from becoming our truest selves.

How to Adapt

- **Confess your brokenness....and hope for wholeness**
 - Don’t believe the lie you cannot change
 - Every command is a promise of enablement
 - He would not give us something to do and not also give the power to achieve it
- **Trust in Jesus.....and do what he says**
 - Inward cleansing vs outward cleansing
 - Matthew 21:42-43
 - Trust involves surrendering authority
 - Matthew 7:24-29



Discussion Prompts:

- What brokenness are you experiencing that you need to confess?
- What is holding you back from trusting in Jesus?
- Are you loving others the way Jesus loves?