

Small Group Notes

Sermon: 20 March 2022

**CANCEL
CULTURE
HEAD ON**

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

OVERVIEW

Sam spoke to us about 'cancel culture' – completely rejecting and removing support for someone because they have said or done something that offends you. This is a relatively new term for an old idea – silencing someone before they can speak, punishing them if they do.

Though cancel culture has the right heart to stand against the oppression of others, it is flawed in its approach by disallowing disagreement, ignoring hypocrisy and resisting forgiveness. These are ways of behaving that shouldn't define Christians.

Disagreement with what we believe will come – and we should allow it. We all make many mistakes in our lives – and we should admit them. We all have those who have done wrong to us – and we should look to offer forgiveness.

As we do this, our behaviour will be attractive to those who don't yet follow Jesus, a pleasing fragrance as we carry out God's commission to speak to the world about Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is silencing someone such a powerful thing to do? Have you experienced it yourself? How did it feel?

2. What do you think is particularly offensive about Jesus & His teachings in our culture? Why do you think that is?
3. How do you handle people disagreeing with you in your different contexts e.g. in professional settings, with family and friends, talking to someone about Jesus etc? How can we disagree well with others?
4. Why would a) admitting your own wrongs, and b) offering forgiveness to those who have wronged you, be powerful antidotes to cancel culture? Are there any situations this week you could do either/both?