

# RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide  
October 8, 2017



## Courageous Faith for Crazy Times – Week #1

### INTRO:

It seems like every generation thinks the current generation is “going to hell in a handbasket”. First it was the hippies, then it was Gen-X, now it’s the millennials... Discuss the differences of the times you grew up in versus the times we are living in now. It could be 10, 20, 30, or even 40 years ago. What is the same? What is different?

### DIVE IN:

**This week is a conversation about how we engage culture when it conflicts with our faith. Take the time to read together Daniel 1 and then discuss the following questions:**

1. The character of God has always been in opposition to the culture of the world – the more things change, the more they stay the same. As you get into the scripture of Daniel, what parallels do you see to our current culture?
2. Pastor Paul said “If you don’t take a stand in a shifting culture, you will get consumed by the culture.” Where do you see culture creating friction to your faith in a way that’s forcing you to stand or sink?
3. Culture will try to rename you. Jesus followers get labeled – extreme, irrelevant, closed minded, judgmental, etc... how do you respond when you feel the weight of inaccurate names projected onto you as a believer?
4. What does it look like to be “shrewd” or “winsome” in the face of cultural labels?
5. Culture will try to tame you. It will push you to conform to the norm of society – inaction and neutrality in the name of acceptance. What convictions are worth holding on to? What convictions are you better off letting go of in the process?
6. What do you anchor your convictions on? History, tradition, family of origin, denominational stances, personal judgements? Or do you anchor your convictions on the word of God and the example of Jesus? How do you filter the difference?
7. Culture will try to claim you. How do you stand firm against the pressures of culture while still living in alignment with the grace and truth of the example of Jesus?
8. Where do you find your courage in the age of social media, internet, and mass communication?

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What level of influence do the many forms of media play in your life? Are you more influenced by the “truth” of social media or the truth of God’s Word?

9. Have you been ever asked to do or say something that went against your convictions and against God’s truth? What did you do? Discuss your experiences and what you learned from it.
10. Are you struggling with any convictions you have by the pressures of today’s culture? Are you having doubts or second thoughts about long held God given truths because of what culture is doing or saying?
11. How can you as a group pray for one another, encourage one another, and speak truth into each other’s lives this week to stay courageous in your faith this week?

### NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week’s message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?