



Comfortable Christianity

Set Apart in a Compromised Culture

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles are as radical to the world we live in today as they were to the world of the first century. The Christian church has struggled to be in the world but not of the world down through the years, and continues to be influenced by the surrounding culture.

- What are some of the things in the culture of today's Australia that differ from the focus of the Gospels?
- Have you ever heard teaching in a church that didn't seem to fit with the Sermon on the Mount?
- Spend some time in prayer asking God to reveal anything in what you believe that might not be of Him.

INTO THE WORD

Read 2 Corinthians 5

Paul was calling the community of faith to be separate from the prevailing culture but still living alongside and serving the people of Corinth.

When Jesus was questioned by the Pharisees and later by Pilate, he made it very clear his Kingdom was outside the realms of this world. This is also where our citizenship sits, overlaid on the nations of this world. In the world but not of the world.

Key Thought

Jesus does not call us into seclusion apart from the culture we live in, but to service, to love and ministry to the community, the country and the world.

GOING DEEPER

Keeping Philippians 2 and Romans 12:2 in mind. Paul challenges us to allow God to renew our minds, our belief systems and to have the same mindset as that of Jesus when dealing with one another and the world around us.

Reflection:

Read the Sermon on the Mount starting at Matthew 5 over the next week.

- How is this teaching radically different to the culture we live in?
- How would my life change if I applied this teaching to every area of my life?

Living it out:

Focus on what it means to live out this teaching with every person you come in contact with this week.

Look for opportunities to display the radical love and service Jesus calls us into.

Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 5: 17 & 18

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:”

PRAY