

LifeGroup Study SheetJanuary 16th, 2022 - Cultural Crisis – Cancel Culture

This guide is designed to help in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Has there ever been a time when you have experienced “cancel culture?” For example, have you ever changed your opinion about something because most people around you believed differently than you? Or have you ever been shamed for believing something contrary to the culture around you?

Digging In

Read Acts 16:16-24, 17:1-9 Mark 15:6-15

All of these are examples of cancel culture or mob mentality in the Bible. The movement of trying to silence, cancel or shame people into something has been around for centuries. It has become even more prevalent in our culture today. But the question remains amid this, how should Christians respond?

Question 1: Read John 17:17, 2 Timothy 4:2-3. How will you remain in the Word of God? The culture has forced their ideology on Christians into believing that there is no such thing as absolute truth. **2 Timothy 4:2a** says that God's Word will offer reprove, rebuke and exhort.

What are practical ways you can be “ready in and out of season?” What do you think that looks like in the life of a believer? Why do you think it is so important that Christians remain in God's Word?

Question 2: Read Galatians 6:1. How will you restore someone who has failed? All of us have a relationship in our life that has gone wrong. Either they have failed us or sinned against us, or vice versa. Why is “cancel culture” incompatible with our faith in Christ? As Pastor Jeff said, why can we as Christ-followers not put labels on other people? Think about how this has happened in your life and possibly how you have done this to others. How does Jesus call Christ-followers to respond?

Question 3: Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19. How will you reconcile the lost? This is a powerful principle for us to fully grasp. Since Christ demonstrated through his love and grace that while we were still his enemies, He didn't hold our sin against us – we can now extend that same grace to others!

In your current position in life, occupation, family, etc. what do you think giving the ministry of reconciliation to others would look like?

What about the message of reconciliation?

Read Romans 5:10-11

Reflect on what it fully means for you to be personally reconciled to God.

Question 4: Read Colossians 2:13-14. How will you remember the cross? Jesus no longer holds the sins we have committed against us because of his sacrifice on the cross. In what ways do you hold other people's sins against them? How is it possible for you to not do that? Why is doing this (what cancel culture does) not only unhealthy for you, but for those around you?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?