

Swimming in The Cultural Sea: Cultural Waves and Currents (Why it Matters)

Culture = Accepted ideas, priorities and expectations that direct our choices and actions

Culture = The way things are, without ever really thinking about it.

Culture:

- Not intrinsically bad
- Ours is poisoned by sin *Genesis 6:5*

How Do We As Christians Respond?

- Ephesians 4:12-15
- Romans 12:2
- John 17:13-18

“to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming,”

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.”

-Ephesians 4:12-15

- we need each other
- different source of ideas
- gives needed strength
- reduces danger

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will”

-Romans 12:2

- a need to resist
- being different starts with what we think
- there are better choices to make

“I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”
-John 17:14-18

- there is a way to live here well
- world hates us because we are different
- we’re not leaving
- we have an enemy here
- we don’t belong here
- there is truth available to us
- we have a mission here

Series: Cultural Currents and Waves

- Danger – lies our culture tells us
- Protection – truth God tells us
- Action Steps – what do we do about it