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Roman 12:1-2; Judges 6:25-30
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What is Culture?

• The word *culture* is Middle French and comes from the Latin *cultura*, which is borrowed from the Latin word *colere* meaning to till, tend or cultivate

Sociological Perspective:

• Culture is the customary beliefs, social forms and material traits of a of a particular period, class, community, or population
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What is Culture?

Scientific Perspective:

- **Culture** means to grow or DEVELOP in a prepared medium.

- Each of us arrived here on earth in a prepared **environment**, the country and **culture** of our birth. **EVERYTHING in that medium shaped our LIFE**
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Social Norms:

• A pattern of behavior in a particular group, community, or culture, accepted as normal to which an individual is expected to conform.
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Interesting points about Culture
1. Man creates culture. Gives it permission to influence his civilization
2. Culture shapes a person’s Worldview
3. Culture Influences the way people think & behave
4. The greater the Civilization the more persuasive its Culture
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Major Areas Culture Influences
1. Family/Social Structure
2. Customs/Traditions
3. Language
4. Arts & Literature
5. Government & Laws
6. Economics
7. Religion
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• We are Born Again Into a New Culture – Kingdom Culture

• Kingdom Culture is all about TRANSFORMATION

• 3 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again (transform nature), * you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” Jn 3:3(NLT)
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Kingdom Culture requires a transformation in behavior (1Pet 1:6b -2:1-3)

• Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

• Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

• Kingdom Culture requires a transformation in thinking

  • Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. (Rom 12:1-2a)NLT
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• Kingdom Culture in reality is Counterculture

• Counterculture: a way of life and set of attitudes opposed to or at variance with the prevailing social norm.
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3 Points to Implementing Kingdom Culture

Must be Missional – Mark 6:7&12 GW
• He called the twelve apostles, sent them out two by two, and gave them authority over evil spirits....

12 So the apostles went and told people that they should turn to God and change the way they think and act.

Must come In Power – Mk 6:12-13 GW
• 12 So the apostles went and told people that they should turn to God and change the way they think and act. 13 They also forced many demons out of people and poured oil on many who were sick to cure them.
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Must be Transforming – Eph 4:22-24 GW

22 You were taught to change the way you were living. The person you used to be will ruin you through desires that deceive you. 23 However, you were taught to have a new attitude. 24 You were also taught to become a new person created to be like God, truly righteous and holy.
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