

# CULTURE IS\_

BUILDING A LIFE THAT LASTS

## Living a Life of Integrity

### SUMMARY:

During this series, we will be discussing what culture is and the type of culture we want to embody as Christ-followers. Culture is the behaviors of individuals within a family, organization, or church that create accountability and momentum. These Gospel-driven, Holy Spirit-empowered behaviors cultivate unity and empower the vision of the family, organization, or church to flourish individually and collectively. Cultural behaviors are not only good for the family, organization, or church. These behaviors also make the individuals in the organization good.

The fourth and fifth culture traits we will discuss are “Truthful” and “Uncommon Accountability.” When brought together these two traits challenge us to live with integrity as Jesus did. Jesus only does what His Father does. (John 5:19). His standard is perfect, and we operate most perfectly when we imitate Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1). His way really is the best for us, so we run toward Christ and His standard with joy and not guilt, fear, or anxiety. Culture is something that develops over time. Living a truthful life of uncommon accountability grows in us as we walk by faith.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Think about a time when someone you knew told the truth when a lie could have been easier. What kind of culture developed around them?

Read Philippians 3:7-9.

- Part of living a truthful life is treasuring Jesus above all else. What are some of the things Paul mentions being of lesser value to him than Jesus?
- Why might it be hard to consistently keep your treasure at the correct level of importance?
- Treasure could be a physical thing, but it might also be how you are seen by others. What things are you tempted to value more than Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:21-22.

- The previous verses help us see that we are to value Christ. What do these verses say about how God sees you?
- The language in verse 22 describes ownership as security, authority, and guaranteed payment in full. How do these words help you to remember that you belong to Jesus?

Read Romans 13:14.

- Have you ever been so caught up in something that you forgot something else? How does being wrapped up in Jesus protect us from thinking about sin?
- What is one thing you can do this week to deliberately set your attention on Jesus?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:30-31.

- These verses remind us that we united with Christ. What does that mean to you?
- How does being united with Christ help you to live truthfully with uncommon accountability?

Read John 7:24 and Colossians 3:9-10.

- Knowing our place with Christ, we can practice discernment and honesty in our relationship with others. Is it easy for you to express reality to others?
- What practices do you have to help hold others accountable?
- What is one thing you want to do this week to live a more truthful life practicing uncommon accountability?

**SOUL TATTOO: By faith, live a truthful life of uncommon accountability.**

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