

Creating Culture

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I. Culture Is Created

- A. The definition of culture is the collection of “ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society” (Google, 2017).

Discuss:

- *What are the ideas, customs and social behaviour of our youth ministry?*

- B. Culture identifies a particular group of people.
- C. Culture unites a group of people.
- D. Culture gives a group of people a sense of belonging.
- E. Culture propagates disciples.

II. Jesus Created Culture

- A. The culture Jesus created is known as kingdom culture.
- B. Kingdom culture is a level deeper than natural cultures we see based on ethnic groups, etc.
- C. Kingdom culture is based on Jesus’ teachings.

Discuss:

- *Break up into four groups and draw from the passages below what Jesus taught kingdom culture should be.*
 - o *Matthew 5:3-10*
 - o *Matthew 7:1-12*
 - o *Luke 6:27-38*
 - o *John 15:1-17*

- D. Kingdom culture was expressed amongst the early community of believers.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching**, and to **fellowship**, and to **sharing in meals** (including the Lord's Supper), and to **prayer**. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous **signs and wonders**. And all the believers **met together** in one place and **shared everything** they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They **worshiped together** at the Temple each day, met in homes for **the Lord's Supper**, and **shared their meals** with great joy and generosity — all the while **praising God** and **enjoying the goodwill** of all the people. And each day **the Lord added** to their fellowship those who were being saved.

- Acts 2:42-47

III. We Carry Culture Wherever We Go

- A. People, organisations and media create culture all the time.**
- B. We are to carry this culture into places that don't have it!**
- C. We carry this culture by disciplining a generation!**
- D. We create a culture through many natural means.**
 - 1. Norms
 - 2. Shared goals
 - 3. Common spaces