



Sermon Discussion Guide

“YOUR COUNTERCULTURE MISSION”
(Counterculture Living In A Wacked Out World – Part 1)
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Icebreaker: What is one thing you wished you could change about this world?

“Go into all the world, make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father; and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you.”
(Matthew 28:19-20^a) [LT]

THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE.

OUR DESIRE IS THAT YOU WOULD USE THIS “GUIDE” TO LEAD YOU INTO DEEPER PERSONAL STUDY.

When it comes to crowds, do you prefer to stand out or blend in? I’m a blend in guy when I can help it. But in Germany, I never could. They always seemed to know that I was an American.

For the most part, Europeans look like white guys. And since I’m a white guy, I figured they would think I was native as long as I didn’t talk. But it didn’t work. They seemed to figure me out before I said a word.

Eventually, I realized my smile was giving me away. By international standards, Americans smile a lot. And I smile more than most - especially when I meet strangers. It’s just something I’ve always done. Around here it doesn’t seem weird, but in Germany it was a dead giveaway.

But standing out from the crowd is nothing new for us Christians. So much of what we’re called to do is different.

Our culture tells us to be unique, but God’s word tells us to imitate others as they imitate Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

The world tells us to find our own path, but Jesus says we should follow Him. (Matthew 16:24)

Our nature tells us to look out for number one, but the Holy Spirit reminds us to take an interest in others too. (Philippians 2:4)

Because we follow Christ, we’ve all been sent on a mission to do the things He does. (John 14:12) We seek peace when our world is in conflict. (Romans 12:18) We do “everything without complaining and arguing,” (Philippians 4:14) while we are surrounded by outrage. We are a light in the world and a city on a hill when the land is dark. (Matthew 5:14)

No, brothers and sisters, there isn’t much chance that we’ll blend in. But that’s ok. You and I are Christ’s ambassadors. (2 Corinthians 5:20) Let’s represent Him well.

Questions:

1. Do you like standing out in a crowd or do you prefer to blend in? How has your preference affected your testimony for Christ?
2. When Isaiah heard the Lord asking, “Whom shall I send”, he answered, “Here I am! Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8) How do you respond to being sent on a mission for Christ?

3. Do you find it hard not to grumble in difficult situations? None of us are perfectly peaceful, but is this an area you need to improve? What can you do about it?
4. As we follow Jesus and fix our thoughts on God we change. (Romans 12:2) How have you changed since you first believed?

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