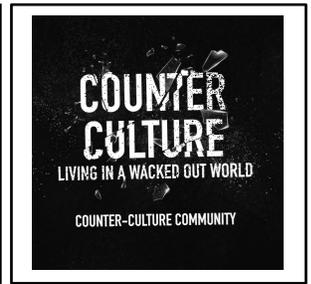




Sermon Discussion Guide

“COUNTERCULTURE COMMUNITY”
(Counterculture Living In A Wacked Out World – Part 3)
October 16, 2022
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Icebreaker: When you hear the word community, what comes to your mind?

“But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language... since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self ... Here there is no Gentile or Jew, ... slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”
(Colossians 3:8-11) [NIV]

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

Today we live in a “Wacked Out World”, where differences in preferences and political opinions lead others to anger, rage, and slander. We often live in counter-culture communities, instead of communities living in support of one another. There are things to be angry and righteous about in this world, but that is different from being mean, obnoxious, and arrogant. How can a Christian with biblical standards live in world with so much anger? In a “Wacked Out World”, believers of Christ are called to look like Christ, forbear and forgive others, lead in love, and dwell in peace. Let’s look at some ways that we can do that.

Questions:

1. *“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”* (Ephesians 4:32) [ESV] It’s easy to rush into conflict in the heat of our emotions, but what could help us be more patient with others and bear with one another?
2. *“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:11) [NLT] Often times we associate with people within our proximity at church, work, or school, but don’t really get involved in their lives. What actions can we take to live in a community of support with those around us?
3. *“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.”* (Hebrews 10:24) [NLT] What ways have others lead with love to motivate you to be a better Christian?
4. *“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”* (Colossians 3:14) [NIV] Love binds with patience, forgiveness, and encouragement to hold friendships, families and the church community together. Describe why these virtues are important in our culture of outrage today?
5. *“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”* (Colossians 3:16) [NIV] Why do you think songs are important today in our worship services? You may not know the full name of the song, but do you have a favorite worship song and why is it your favorite?
6. Why is teaching and counseling each other as important to church community as worship services?

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