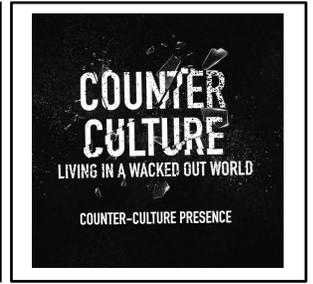




Sermon Discussion Guide
“COUNTERCULTURE PRESENCE”
(Counterculture Living In A Wacked Out World – Part 4)
October 23, 2022
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Icebreaker: When you hear the word community, what comes to your mind?

“After three days, they found Him in the temple complex sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” (Luke 2:46)

THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE.

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

When Kim and I moved to Germany we were definitely shocked by the culture. At first it was the big things, like the language and the driving rules. But it was the little things that took the longest to accept. Specifically, the way people treated each other.

For instance, I like to be friendly with my waiter when I go out to eat. I always smile and say something pleasant to them when they come for my order. In turn, they smile back. And even though I’m sure they care nothing for me and don’t remember me when I’m gone, they act like they do for the hour we’re together.

In Germany it was different. My small talk before dinner seemed to confuse the wait staff. Mostly they would look at me like I had frogs crawling out of my ears. But I was determined.

So, we kept going to the same restaurants, and I kept asking questions and listening to them. And eventually they changed. At first, they were like friendly American waiters, but then something I wasn’t expecting happened. After a few months, they started to remember us, and even greet us at the door. Eventually some would even pull up a chair and chat with their new American friends after they took our order. We got more than we bargained for, and we loved it.

When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with His parents to Jerusalem. Instead of following them home, He went to the temple. He spent 3 days sitting with the teachers, “listening to them and asking questions.” (Luke 2:46)

And He didn’t stop listening and asking questions when He grew up. In fact, Scripture records Him asking questions 307 times.

I’ve heard it said that listening is the language of love. Maybe that’s why Jesus did it so much.

So, let’s not just say we love our neighbors. Let’s reach out to them. Let’s ask them how they’re doing. Let’s ask them what they need. And then let’s listen to what they say. Maybe we’ll make a new friend. But even if we don’t, we’ll still be acting like Jesus.

Questions:

1. Can you remember a time when someone asked you a question and then didn’t listen to your answer?
Can you remember the last time you did that to someone else?
2. Do you show an interest in the people around you by asking them questions?
3. Pastor said we should evaluate our why. So, why do you want to influence people? What’s in it for you?
What do you hope to give them?

4. We can't stay connected all the time. Do you find it easy to power down regularly?

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