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Culture SHOCK

The Truth about the truth

"Him/Me/You/Them"

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WE ARE SERVANTS OF CHRIST!

DON'T LET CULTURE INFLUENCE US!
CHRIST SAYS I AM THE TRUTH

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MESSAGE NOTES

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- This can create a life-long value we hold to that _____ like Christianity, but doesn't actually _____.

The Two Most Important Commandments (Mark 2:28-34, NLT)

"Hang on..._____."

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What is Jesus saying here, versus what I believe He's saying?

It only breaks through when we recall the _____ context of Jesus.

- What was expected?
_____: A centerpiece _____ that encapsulates lovingly honoring (*āhab*) the one and only God. (See **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, **Deuteronomy 11:13-21**, **Numbers 15:37-41**)
- What was upended?
_____: What was meant to be an expression of _____ (*āhab*) expressed to others had traditionally become something else. (See **Leviticus 19:18**)

How do I react when Jesus offers me _____ like this?

Him/Me/You/Them

What's really perplexing to us about all of that are the _____.

- **Him:** *"Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord."*
 - What's clear: _____.
 - What may feel unclear: "What do I do with my _____?"
 - What is a next step: _____ experiencing change.
- **Me:** *"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."*
 - What's clear: _____ in loving God.
 - What may feel unclear: "Okay, but _____?"
 - What is a next step: Self-care... _____ yourself vs _____ or _____ yourself.
- **You:** *"The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*
 - What's clear: _____ and _____.
 - What may feel unclear: "How am I _____ myself onto others?"
 - What is a next step: Find some _____.
- **Them:** *"No other commandment is greater than these."*
 - What's clear: These commandments are to _____ and _____ any barriers.
 - What may feel unclear: "Who do I get to _____?"
 - What is a next step: Step into the _____.
(See **Matthew 5:43-48**)

The Truth about the truth:

- When you see God more clearly, you more clearly see God's love for you.
- Treat yourself AND others as someone who is _____
- Second-guess your _____ and notice your _____
- You're not the _____...but you are a part of _____
- I get a capable _____.

Don't miss this...

Genuine love always _____ -
so _____ from Jesus _____ -
and _____.



Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you could buy any car right now, and money wasn't a factor, what would you buy or what color car would you buy? 😊

1. Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, **Leviticus 19:18** and **Mark 12:28-34**. Jesus challenged those around him to think differently about their beliefs. How do you tend to react when someone's viewpoint contradicts yours?
2. In **Matthew 5:43-48** Jesus defined love. What are some ways you've demonstrated this to others in your life?
3. When society talks about "love" it varies greatly from scripture. What differing results have you experienced between scriptural and cultural versions of love?
4. Have you found "self-care" more difficult or easier than "others-care"? Explain.
5. What are some practical steps you can take this week to love your neighbor as Jesus instructed and modeled?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Matthew 21; Psalm 110

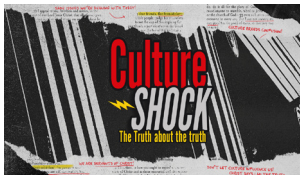
Day Two: Leviticus 20; Proverbs 17

Day Three: 1 Corinthians 16; 1 Kings 6

Day Four: Revelation 2; Jeremiah 44

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 6; Acts 26

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.



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What is Jesus saying here, versus what I believe He's saying?

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- What was expected?
The Creed: A centerpiece pledge/prayer that encapsulates lovingly honoring (*'āhab*) the one and only God.
(See **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** and also **Deuteronomy 11:13-21, Numbers 15:37-41**)
- What was upended?
The Crossroads: What was meant to be an expression of God-love (*'āhab*) expressed to others had traditionally become something else. (See **Leviticus 19:18**)

How do I react when Jesus offers me culture shock like this?

Him/Me/You/Them

What's really perplexing to us about all of that are the lines.

- **Him:** *"Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord."*
 - What's clear: God is God.
 - What may feel unclear: "What do I do with my free will?"
 - What is a next step: Personally experiencing change.
- **Me:** *"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."*
 - What's clear: Hold nothing back in loving God.
 - What may feel unclear: "Okay, but why?"
 - What is a next step: Self-care...loving yourself vs lusting or loathing yourself.
- **You:** *"The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*
 - What's clear: Self-care and others-care.
 - What may feel unclear: "How am I reflecting myself onto others?"
 - What is a next step: Find some multi-generational help.
- **Them:** *"No other commandment is greater than these."*
 - What's clear: These commandments are to breach and break down any barriers.
 - What may feel unclear: "Who do I get to dislike?"
 - What is a next step: Step into the third love. (See **Matthew 5:43-48**)

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so receive from Jesus daily -
and overflow.



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