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BIBLE STUDY

SERIES: "SHIFTING THE CULTURE"



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Opening Scripture

John 4:19-30

Verse:19

The woman said to Him,
“Sir, I perceive that You are
a prophet.

Verse:20

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

Verse:21

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Verse:22

You worship what you do
not know; we know what we
worship, for salvation is of
the Jews.

Verse:23

But the hour is coming, and now is,
when the true worshipers
will worship the Father in spirit and
truth; for the Father is seeking such
to worship Him.

Verse:24

God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Verse:25-26

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Verse:27

And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

Verse:28

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

Verse:29-30

“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

Tonight's Topic:

Part II

“Identifying the Shift”



Spiritual Tools:

- ✓ Identifying
- ✓ Discernment

Identify

Means to recognize, label, or acknowledge something that is visible, factual, or evident. It primarily operates through observation or awareness using your mind, experiences, and spiritual maturity to notice when something is off or needs to be change.

Discernment

To spiritually perceive, judge, or distinguish between what's of God and what's not.

Insight that comes from the Holy Spirit not human observation.

Discernment

Discernment is sensing what's
beneath the surface...
understanding motive, timing,
and divine purpose.

Shifting 101

Shifters understand you can't shift
a culture you do not comprehend!
Spend quality time understanding
culture is vital before changing
ANYTHING!

Five Things To Know About Culture:

1. Culture is learned
2. Culture is shared
3. Culture is symbolic
4. Culture is intergraded
5. Culture is dynamic

1. Culture is Learned

Culture is not inherited,
it's learned.

Understanding

People are not born with beliefs, values or traditions.

We Are Taught Through:

1. Repetition
2. Reinforcement
3. Relationships

2. Culture is Shared

We share or pass down what we believe or, what has been given to those we come in contact with.

3. Culture is Symbolic

Culture is more than a method, it has meaning.

4. Culture is Intergraded

This means it has various components like beliefs, social norms, technology, and economics. All of these influence one another.

5. Culture is Dynamic

Cultures are not static but are constantly changing and adapting over time due to ongoing evolution.

Identifying Shifts Require:

- Context
- Conversion
- Conviction

1.Context

The background information or circumstance that surrounds an event.

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Importance of Context

Context is extremely important because, without context, information is often misinterpreted, leading to poor communication and decisions.

Context is the link between the sender and receiver, bridging gaps and ensuring the messages are being conveyed properly.

2. Conversion

The exchanging of
information or views.

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3. Conviction

A strong firm belief that is held with certainty.

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Identifying

List areas in your life and ministry that need to be shifted.

Closing Thought:

Recognition is the first step to reformation.

Therefore, having the ability to “Identify” areas that need to be shifted is a gift from God!