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BIBLE STUDY

SERIES: "SHIFTING THE CULTURE"



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Opening Scripture

John 2:1-11

Verse:1

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disciples were invited to the
wedding.

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On the third day there was
a wedding in Cana of
Galilee, and the mother of
Jesus was there.

Verse:3

And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”

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Jesus said to
her, “Woman, what does
your concern have to do with
Me? My hour has not yet
come.”

Verse:5

His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it*.”

Verse:6

Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

Verse:7

Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

Verse:8

And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*.

Verse:9

When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

Verse: 10

And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

Verse: 11

This beginning of signs Jesus did
in Cana of Galilee, and manifested
His glory; and His disciples
believed in Him.

Tonight's Topic:

“Shifting the Culture”

What is Culture?

Is the way of life of a people. It's the set of beliefs, shared values, behaviors, traditions and systems that shape how people live and interact.

Culture

- **Values** – What people believe is important (family, freedom, faith, wealth).
- **Beliefs** – The convictions people hold about life, God, morality, and truth.
- **Norms** – The “unwritten rules” (how people dress, greet one another, or behave in public).
- **Symbols & Language** – Words, music, art, fashion, and gestures that carry meaning.



Culture

Is the invisible atmosphere
around us: we may not always
notice it, but it influences
everything.

A photograph of a small, leafy green tree growing inside a clear glass dome. The dome sits on a thick, circular wooden base. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The text "Culture is a living ecosystem." is overlaid in a white, monospaced font.

Culture
Culture is a living
ecosystem.

Ecosystem

is a community of living things (like plants and animals) and non-living things (like air, water, and soil) in a specific area that interact and depend on each other to form a complex system

Culture is Everywhere

Your church has a faith culture, your leadership team shapes organizational culture, your neighborhood adds community culture, and pop culture provides a backdrop that influences everyone.



Types of Culture



Religious
Culture



Social
Culture



Political
Culture



Kingdom Culture

Understanding Culture

Before you challenge or change culture
you must first understand the culture
you are trying to challenge or change.

Understanding Culture
Is essential because it helps
us know the environment
we're living, leading, and
ministering in.



Culture Matters

Because it lends to our identity
and it helps us to connect.



Layers of Culture

- ✓ Personal Culture
- ✓ Family Culture
- ✓ Church Culture
- ✓ Community/ National Culture
- ✓ Kingdom Culture

Personal Culture

Your own habit, upbringing, and
mindset.

Family Culture

Traditions and values in your household.

Church Culture

The spiritual DNA that makes
your ministry unique.



Community/National Culture

The larger environment
you live in.

Kingdom Culture

The standard of Heaven that
supersedes them all.

Ministry of Jesus

When we look at the ministry of Jesus, He didn't come to fit into culture, He came to shift it and set a Kingdom here and now.

Jesus

The ministry of Jesus shifted culture everywhere He went. He didn't just preach His life miracles and teachings completely changed the way people related to God, to one another, and to society.

Jesus's approach to Culture:

Jesus didn't come to adapt to culture; He came to transform culture.



Challenge Question

- ✓ Are you adapting or transforming?
- ✓ Adapting=Pleasing
- ✓ Transforming=Pushing

Shifting Culture Requires:

1. Seizing Opportunities
2. Challenge Traditions
3. Exceeding Expectations

1.

Seizing the Opportunity

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Opportunity

- ✓ **Natural definition**: A favorable set of circumstances that make it possible to do something.
- ✓ **Spiritual Definition**: A divine moment where God opens a door for His purpose to be fulfilled.

How do you see it....

Problems are opportunities
turned inside out.



Opportunity in Scripture:

- ✓ The lack of wine crisis
- ✓ The woman with the issue of blood
- ✓ Blind Bartimaeus
- ✓ The Samaritan woman at the well
- ✓ David defeating Goliath

Please List:

Opportunity's you been
given to change or shift the
culture?

2.

Challenging Tradition(s)

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Change/Transform

Jesus didn't just change the
water into wine, but He
transformed the water into
wine!

Change

- A shift in behavior, appearance, or condition
- External, temporary, or surface-level

Transform

“Metamorphoo”

Like a caterpillar becoming a butterfly

- A complete, deep, inside out renewal.
- It starts in the heart and mind.

Tradition

Is the passing down beliefs, customs, values. Or practices from one generation to the next.

Tradition

- ✓ Tradition=Frozen Success
- ✓ Tradition is the foundation not the ceiling

-Rev. Matthew Watley

3.

Exceeding Expectations

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Exceed

To go above and beyond what is anticipated and hoped for, or required. It's when the outcome is greater than what someone expected

They Expected:

- Ordinary but received Extraordinary
- The worst He gave them the best
- A ceremony but
EXPERIENCED Christ!

Closing Thought:

Shifting the Culture requires
strategy and skill.

