

Message Notes | Navigating Culture

Part 1: Grace and Truth

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**#4 _____ for God's _____ and _____ in your life.
_____ for _____ and _____.**

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1. Give an example of something in culture that has been difficult to navigate?

What are some reasons why this seems to be getting increasingly more difficult?

2. How do you naturally react when culture conflicts with God's truth? (separate? assimilate? something else?)

What are the drawbacks of separating from culture? Assimilating to culture?

3. **Read John 1:14-17.**

- a. What does it mean that Jesus was full of grace and truth?
- b. Give at least three examples of Jesus being full of grace.
- c. Give at least three examples of Jesus being full of truth.

4. Is it your nature to more easily let go of grace or truth? Why?

5. Why will prioritizing both grace and truth cause a healthy tension?

Give an example of where you faced this tension in ministering to a friend or family member.

6. How will our mission to "lead people to Jesus" inform and direct our interaction with our culture?

Why is remembering that mission so important?

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#4 Rejoice for God's grace and truth in your life. Pray for wisdom and discernment.

Bible Reading for Today

John 1:14-17

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

