

WOKE

Is it possible for Satan to use culture as influence over us, or is culture neutral? How could we even combat a culture when it becomes corrupted? As we continue our series "Woke," we will look at a subtle strategy that our Enemy uses against us.

Week One: Is Culture Neutral?

Text: Selected Scripture

Sermon Summary:

Teaching points:

- Satan has unique freedom to exert his powerful influence on us.
- Satan has both strategies and leaders to deceive our world.
- We overcome the cultural corruption as we love people, seek truth, and stay together.

Discussion Questions:

These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others help and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- Think about what we all tend to do, say, think, value, and how we relate. Can you identify aspects of our culture that are not good and maybe even satanically inspired?
- Satan is a powerful deceiver and has strategies to trip us up. See Ephesians 2:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 2:10-12. How aware are we of his strategies today?
- Name as many as you can, and share the ones that you feel are the most dangerous for yourself.

What are you going to do about it?

- Examine 1 John 5:19-20. How are we supposed to treat people who are caught up in Satan's lies?
- How does Satan win when we attack or distance ourselves from people who are promoting these lies? See Ephesians 6:11-13 and Matthew 5:45-47.

How can others in this group help you or pray for you?

- If immersion in a corrupting culture leads us away from the truth, what can we do to stay grounded in the truth? See Hebrews 10:23-25.
- How is the culture of busyness, that seems so normal to us, actually one of Satan's strategies to weaken us by keeping us apart from other believers?

MEMORY VERSE

"We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true – even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

1 John 5:19-20

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

Encourage everyone in your small group to pick a time and go through Biblical Manhood or Womanhood. Ask them to sign up online as soon as possible.

Encourage your apprentices to lead the discussion groups rather than you doing it. This will give them valuable leadership experience.

- Biblical Womanhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
 - <https://www.hcbc.com/women/>
 - Thursday Mornings - 9:30am
 - Thursday Evenings - 7:30pm
 - Saturday Mornings - 9:00am
- Biblical Manhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
 - <https://www.hcbc.com/men/>
 - Tuesday Evenings - 8:00pm
 - Wednesday Mornings - 6:30am
 - Saturday Mornings - 7:00am
- Studies start the week of Sept 14th and continue Fall 2020 - Spring 2021