

WHEN FAITH & CULTURE COLLIDE

Part 4: A Better Alternative

INTRODUCTION

Are you concerned at all with the world we're handing off to the next generation? How do we navigate an ever-changing moral landscape and all that we're expected to keep up with? Could it be that Jesus didn't come to assimilate into, nor to fight with the world... but rather to provide an entirely different and better option all together?

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. How concerned are you with the world we're handing off to the next generation?
2. Have you ever found yourself on the outside looking in when it comes to the "morality of public opinion"?
3. In what ways have you seen morality in our culture change just in your lifetime?
4. When it comes to the influence of the "World" as defined in part 3, we can assimilate into it, fight against it, or be an alternative to it. Which do you find you lean towards most often?
5. How should we appropriately leverage social media when it comes to our beliefs and opinions? Should they be aired there? Is it helpful? And if not, why?
6. In what ways might you be tempted to make a point rather than a difference?
7. According to Jesus' prayer in John 17, people take Jesus more seriously when we are unified. How can we take a step to build unity instead of adding to the divisiveness around us?

THIS WEEK

Reflect over the most divisive issues of our time. How has the division personally impacted you? How have you reacted to it? What is one thing you will do personally to move toward unity with God and with others?

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to **complete unity**. Then the world will **know** that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:22-23