

**Today's Christian teenagers find themselves living in a culture that is antagonistic to much of what they believe.** Against this backdrop, how do they know how to engage with culture in a way that keeps their influence intact, but keeps them from being negatively impacted by the world? The good news is that Jesus had lots to say about this.

*Jesus And Culture*, part of *The Jesus Studies*, helps teenagers understand how to live as Christ-followers in the world they find themselves living in. Students will learn how to embrace being separate from the world but still living in it; how their lives as Christ-followers will be counter-cultural; how they are affected by what they consume of culture through media and entertainment; and that Christ's ultimate goal for them is to embrace holiness in their interactions with culture.

Teach *Jesus And Culture* and help students discover how powerful their impact on their world can be.

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### ***Jesus and Culture* Is Loaded With Resources:**

- 4 Interactive Leader's Guides complete with Bible Background
- 12 out-of-class devotions
- 4 Parent Pages for at-home discipleship
- PowerPoint backgrounds and Promo Art
- Teacher Prep Video to help you prepare
- Social Media suggestions for before and after each lesson

### ***Jesus And Culture* Lesson Overviews**

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#### **Lesson 1: Alike But Not Alike**

- **Lesson Objectives:** That they are called by Jesus to be in the world, but to live as if they were separate; and to honestly evaluate their relationship with culture, and who their actions say they more strongly identify with: Christ or the world.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 15:18-21

#### **Lesson 2: Different Than The Rest**

- **Lesson Objectives:** That Jesus wants His followers to be countercultural in their humility, living in the world as servants of others; and to identify any actions or attitudes in their lives that represent culture's definition of success through selfishness, and to commit to embracing Jesus' idea of success through serving others.
- **Scripture Focus:** Mark 10:35-45

#### **Lesson 3: Making An Impact**

- **Lesson Objectives:** That as Christ-followers committed to the Gospel, they must be willing to bravely impact culture, especially those who are most in need of Christ's love; and to identify the people in their world who are most in need of Christ, and to commit to engaging with them with the purpose of sharing the Gospel.
- **Scripture Focus:** Matthew 9:9-13

#### **Lesson 4: The Call To Holiness**

- **Lesson Objectives:** That Jesus wants His followers to interact with culture through lives that are Christ-like: holy and set apart for God's purposes; and to understand exactly the vision Jesus casts for their lives, and to seek to embrace this vision as they engage and interact with their culture.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 17:13-19