

6 Tips on Navigating Culture

1. All cultures on earth are tainted by sin. The only culture uninfluenced by sin is the culture of heaven. Heaven-culture is God's favorite culture. No earth-culture is his second-favorite.
2. God calls his people to live heaven-culture, regardless of the earth-culture they were born into. Jesus modeled heaven-culture for his followers.
3. Living out heaven-culture unavoidably leads to conflict with the earth-culture around us, no matter which earth-culture it is. This leads to rejection, shame, and loss. Jesus modeled earth-culture rejection for his followers.
4. If we only do ministry that we see as prudent, safe, and feasible, our favorite culture is different from God's favorite culture. Maybe the truth is we don't want to follow Jesus into a different culture.
5. If our ministry only provokes applause from the culture around us instead of rejection, shame, and loss, we're either already in heaven, or not following Jesus.
6. We're not already in heaven, but we can live in heaven-culture now.

