

## Gospel Culture: INCARNATE

Text: Luke 9:20 – 25

What is **GOSPEL CULTURE**? Gospel SHAPED and TRANSFORMED attitudes, values, goals, and practices SHARED by Jesus followers

- Gospel CULTURE = This is THE WAY we LIVE out our FAITH

**CONFESSION of Christ FROM you (Gospel FLUENCY & DOCTRINE):** Luke 9:20. See also: Matthew 16:16; John 11:27

**COST of Christ FOR you (Gospel DOCTRINE):** Luke 9:22

**Our COMMUNION WITH Christ (BEING INCARNATE):** Luke 9:23

- 1) **DENY Self: REFUSE** consent/permission to self; **REPUDIATE** (deny knowing) self, **RENOUNCE** (have nothing to do with) self
- 2) **DIE with and like Jesus:**
  - a) **We HAVE died WITH Jesus:** Galatians 2:20. See: Colossians 3:1-3
  - b) **We now LIVE with and FOR JESUS:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- 3) **Therefore, we PUT TO DEATH...**
  - a) **INDWELLING SIN:** Colossians 3:5. See also: Romans 8:13
  - b) **Sin's POWER / AUTHORITY:** 1 Peter 2:24. See: Romans 6:2, 11
  - c) **Man-made MORALS, RULES and Self-RIGHTEOUSNESS:** Romans 7:4. See also: Galatians 2:19, Colossians 2:20-23
  - d) **Our own PRIORITIES, WEALTH, and COMFORT:** Matthew 6:33  
See also: Luke 9:57-58; 2 Corinthians 8:9
  - e) **BEING SERVED and having earthly SIGNIFICANCE:** Mark 10:45  
See also: vs. 42-44; John 13:1-5
  - f) **OTHER LOVES and LIFE itself** (dreams, passions, preferences): Luke 14:25–27. See also: Luke 9:59-60; Romans 15:3
  - g) **Our own WILL** (way/plan): Matthew 26:39. See: Luke 9:61-62
  - h) **EVERYTHING:** Luke 14:33

*“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, **Mine!**”*

– Abraham Kuyper

- 4) **FOLLOW (Be WITH) Jesus in His death:** John 12:26a
  - a) **A CONSCIOUS CHOICE to FOLLOW Jesus into Self-Denial and Death:** Philippians 2:5-8. See also: John 21:19
  - b) **A PROMISE of Jesus:** Mark 10:39b. See also: Matthew 10:17-22, 2 Timothy 3:12
  - c) **A PRACTICE of mature Jesus followers:** Philippians 3:8–11
    - **Consider studying J-Curve by Paul Miller with a friend!**
- 5) **DAILY:** 1 Corinthians 15:31

*“When Christ calls a man, He bids him **come and die.**”*

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**COMMITMENT of Christ TO YOU:** Luke 9:24-25 See also: Matthew 16:26

- 1) **YOU can experience LOSS – FOREVER:** 2 Thessalonians 1:9. See: Matthew 8:12; 10:28; 13:41-42, 49-50; 22:11-14; 24:48-51; 25:24-30; Mark 9:43-47; Luke 16:22-23; 2 Peter 2:4; Rev. 20:10,15; 21:8
- 2) **OR... YOU can have...**
  - a) **LIGHT** (clarity about how to live): John 8:12
  - b) **FRUITFULNESS** (FULFILLMENT of your God-given PURPOSE): John 12:24
  - c) **ETERNAL LIFE:** John 12:25
  - d) **Life WITH JESUS:** 2 Timothy 2:11. See also: Romans 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

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**Use these “Gospel In Life” questions this week  
to help you and your friends REFLECT on and APPLY this message!**

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read 1 John 4:7-12