

COUNTER ↑ CULTURE ↓

FOLLOWING JESUS IN A CANCEL CULTURE

Acceptance, Family
and Home
WEEK SIX

Deuteronomy 10:12-19

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus and scripture direct Christ-followers to live counter to culture, not conform to it.

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV, 1984)

Sin made us spiritual orphans and refugees, people without a home.

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden... ²²And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever." ²³So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Genesis 3:6-8, 22-23 (NIV, 1984)

Sin separated mankind from God, and we have longed for acceptance, family, and home ever since.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all have sinned.

Romans 5:12 (NIV, 1984)

God has never stopped lovingly pursuing and providing for those created in His image.

¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19 (NIV, 1984)

God's loving pursuit and provision would stop at nothing to create a way for all to call upon His name.

¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:10-12 (NIV, 1984)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 (NIV, 1984)

Jesus set the example of how we should live in relationship with those longing for acceptance, family, and home.

- **See and pursue those in need - Philippians 2:5-7**
- **Humbly sacrifice and obediently follow God - Philippians 2:8-9**
- **Lovingly lead them to the Father - Philippians 2:9-11**

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TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I will pursue and love orphans, widows, and refugees to lead them to Jesus, the true source of acceptance, family, and home.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after the orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27 (NIV, 1984)

NEXT STEPS:

- **Safe Families Luncheon - Dec 5 @ 12:15pm**
www.westsideleavenworth.com/events
- **Text for Prayer - 913-608-7575**



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

"When you see as Jesus sees, you will love as Jesus loves."
Kasey Robinson

Have you ever felt overlooked, alone, or forgotten? It is a difficult feeling and is a feeling that many in our world feel on a daily basis.

The orphan feels forgotten by those who should be loving them the most. The widow can feel alone as they face the world without a spouse. The refugee can often feel overlooked as they are wandering the world looking for a home.

Truthfully we all, as fallen human beings, have felt those same things in the eternal landscape and Jesus chose to pursue and love us to bring us back to our true home and family.

When we look and see others the way Jesus sees them we will see opportunities to love extravagantly and engage the overlooked, forgotten, and alone and love and Jesus loved us.

TALK IT OVER:

Have you ever felt overlooked, alone, or forgotten? What was that like?

Do you believe that Jesus came and died in pursuit of all who were separated from Him? If so how does it make you feel that Jesus pursued you?

Is there anyone in your life who feels forgotten, alone, or overlooked? What can you do to step into their lives and share Jesus' love with them?

What is one next step you can take today?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

- Day 1) Prov 20:9 & 11; 1 John 1:8
- Day 2) Romans 3:9-19; Psalm 143:2
- Day 3) Romans 5:18-20
- Day 4) Romans 3:25-26
- Day 5) Galatians 2:20-21
- Day 6) John 14:15-17; John 15:7-9