

Introducing the Counter-Cultural Study (Young Adult Group 6/26/2020)

Romans 12:2 (NIV): “Do not conform any longer 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...”

- “hate what is evil; cling to what is good” (v. 9)
- “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (v. 21)
- “mourn with those who mourn” (v. 15) How can we apply to those hurting in our culture?
See Shai Linne’s letter to a white friend: www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/george-floyd-and-me/

2 Corinthians 10:3–5: *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.* [Counter-culture DVDs apply above to Culture, Money, Sexuality, Racism, Human Life, Faith]

Current cultural case study on why counter-culture vs. cultural terms is important - JUSTICE

Justice is important to God! Luke 11:42 “But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard **justice** and the love of God...” (NASB)

Micah 6:8 “He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?”

Proverbs 31:8 (NIV): “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute ... ⁹ Speak up and judge fairly [“ensure justice for those being crushed ... see that they get justice” (NLT)]; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Isaiah 1:17: “learn to do good; **seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice** to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause. ¹⁸ Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...” (ESV, note the key connection to the gospel)

Scriptural justice is important but secular “social justice” movements can take away from scriptural principles and the gospel ([Voddie Baucham audio link](#), consider also James 1:19-20)

Compare “black lives matter” as a true *statement* vs. the “Black Lives Matter” *Organization*

- www.blacklivesmatter.com beliefs: “We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking...”
- “We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to ... lead. We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege [gender based on birth sex] and uplift Black trans folk ...”
- “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure [mother and father family]...”
- “We deserve and demand reproductive justice that gives autonomy over our bodies” [2/14/18]

For further study on above:

Al Mohler on the motto vs. the movement: <https://albertmohler.com/2020/06/18/briefing-6-18-20>

John Piper: <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-can-we-learn-from-black-lives-matter>

For further study see <https://thecripplegate.com/a-compassionate-counter-cultural-christian-response/>

On system or institutional sin see: <https://albertmohler.com/2020/06/24/briefing-6-24-20>

Voddie Baucham YouTube links: ‘[Defining Social Justice](#),’ [Todd Friel interview](#), ‘[Cultural Marxism](#)’