



COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Title: Bible and Culture

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Course Overview

Culture happens when humans interact with the natural world. Everyone participates in culture, and some people even help create or change it. Understanding the Culture is a guidebook for learning what culture is and how Christians can work to influence it for the better. Despite stunning advances in technology and medicine, most people think our culture has gotten worse. But should Christians have anything to do with trying to fix it?

Goals

- What culture is, how it is made, and how Christians in the past have shaped it.
- What biblical principles look like applied to tough issues such as technology, amusement, abortion, euthanasia, bioethics, same-sex attraction, feminism, marriage, politics, creation care, poverty, community development, diversity, justice, and the use of force.
- How we can become cultural change agents.

Understanding the Culture also outlines in detail how Christians in the past have positively influenced nearly every aspect of Western culture, and other cultures.

Grading Scale:

- 40% - Tests
- 30% - Homework (Reading and Answering Questions)
- 20% - Participation/Projects
- 10% - Quizzes

Week-by-Week Overview

Semester I	Semester II
Week 1 – Introduction	Week 19 – Marriage
Week 2 – Introduction	Week 20 – Marriage
Week 3 – What is Culture?	Week 21 – Creation Care
Week 4 – What is Culture?	Week 22 – Creation Care
Week 5 – Christianity and Culture: A History	Week 23 – Politics
Week 6 – Christianity and Culture: A History	Week 24 – Politics
Week 7 – Christianity and Culture: A Plan	Week 25 – Religious Freedom and Persecution
Week 8 – Christianity and Culture: A Plan	Week 26 – Religious Freedom and Persecution
Week 9 – Thinking and Speaking Clearly	Week 27 – Poverty Care, Poverty Cure
Week 10 – Thinking and Speaking Clearly	Week 28 – Poverty Care, Poverty Cure
Week 11 – Technology	Week 29 – The Use of Force
Week 12 – Technology	Week 30 – The Use of Force
Week 13 – The Arts and Entertainment	Week 31 – Justice
Week 14 – The Arts and Entertainment	Week 32 – Justice
Week 15 – The Value of Human Life	Week 33 – Community Renewal
Week 16 – The Value of Human Life	Week 34 – Community Renewal
Week 17 – Sexuality	Week 35 – Conclusion
Week 18 – Sexuality	Week 36 – Conclusion

Supplies Needed for this Course:

- Notebook
- Pencil or pen
- Summit Ministries Understanding the Culture Textbook and Student Workbook

The Classroom:

This class occurs once a week on Fridays for a 2-hour period from 8:30am-10:30am. In these two hours we will discuss, engage, investigate and search out the deeper things of Christ. I will expect every student to participate and bring in homework every week. This course will dive deeper than before, so it will be important to keep up with the reading, questions and projects associated with this curriculum and course.

At Home:

Students will be given 3 assignments a week on an Assignment Sheet handed out in class and also available on the FACTS portal. They will be responsible for completing these assignments to earn full points. The late work policy is listed below. Encourage your student to do their very best and come prepared to discuss and dissect.

How to Get an 'A' in this Class:

- Pay attention
- Turn in your work on time
- Participate
- Study for tests and quizzes
- Be respectful.

Extra Credit:

There will be 1 project optional in the second half of the school year for extra credit.

Absence and Late Work Policies

See your Partnership Agreement for these policies. I WILL NOT accept any homework that is over 2 class periods late unless it has been worked out prior with me. There are no exceptions to this rule! You must text, email or speak to me to work out a new assignment date for sickness, vacations or any other reasons for missing class.

Expectations

You may expect the Teacher to:

- Be prepared, on time and fair in the classroom.
- Respond to phone or email messages within 24 hours.
- Be available for conferences or discussions per appointment.
- Work hard to see every student succeed.
- Be available by text or email to answer questions or concerns.

I will expect the Parents to:

- Be aware of the current assignments for their students.
- Oversee the work at home making sure that students complete the assignments.
- Provide the materials the students need to be successful in this class.
- Proctor the Take-Home Tests, signing and sealing them to be returned to class
- Contact the teacher if there are any problems ASAP
- Check grades every week to see how their child is doing! This is **IMPERATIVE**. I do not put grades on student's work; I post them to this site with notes. You will need to check this often to make sure your child is getting good grades and to communicate with me.

I will expect the Student to:

- Be polite and have good manners at all times! (See the Code of Conduct)
- Keep current with all assignments.
- Do all of their own work with honesty and integrity
- Ask questions and ask for help when they need it.
- **ALWAYS** be prepared for class, that includes course material, paper, and writing utensils.