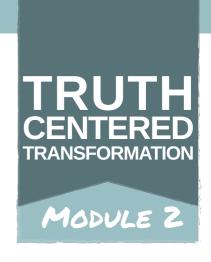
Lesson 2: Kingdom Culture



Part 1

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Look at these verses. What do they teach us about some of the things Jesus did? Write the answer next to the verse.

- Mark 6:3
- John 21:9-14
- Mark 1:35
- Mark 4:38
- John 2:1-2
- Mark 2:15
- Matthew 14:14
- Mark 1:39

HIT PLAY NOW TO CONTINUE

Part 2

God has given us the Bible, which tells us how we should live in a way that pleases God. If we are going to obey God in every area of our lives, then we need to understand what the Bible is teaching us. How is it the same or different from our traditions or culture? We need to know God's ways if we are going to build God's Kingdom here on Earth.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Facilitator Instructions: Start by doing the first line as an example for the large group. Then divide into small groups. Give each group 3-4 lines to work on and let them know, if they finish early, they can choose some other lines to fill in.

Fill in the table. For each item think about what your culture would usually say. Then look at the verses and see what the Bible says we should do.

REPORT BACK

When the small groups have finished, go through the table line by line, and have the groups that filled in that line share.

Value	Scripture	Our Culture/ Tradition	God's Kingdom
How should leaders behave	Matthew 20:25-28	The people serve the leaders. The leaders tell people what to do.	Leaders serve people
How we should act as a husband	Colossians 3:19 1 Peter 3:7 Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33		
How we should act as a wife	Genesis 2:18 Ephesians 5:22-24, 33		
How we should treat children	Psalm 127:3 Ephesians 6:4		
How to treat people	Matthew 22:36-40 Luke 10:25-37		
How to treat enemies	Luke 6:27-31		
Our attitude toward work	Colossians 3:22-4:1 Ephesians 6:7-8		
Our attitude toward the environment	Psalm 24:1 Genesis 1:28-30 Genesis 2:15		
The most important thing	Matthew 6:25-34 Matthew 22:36-40		

Our attitude toward death and dying	John 11:25-26 Hebrews 2:14-15 Revelation 1:17-18	
Our attitude toward suffering	Luke 6:22-23 2 Corinthians 1:8-11	

Questions to debrief

- Which of these were your culture and God's Kingdom most similar? Which were most different?
- Are there other areas that you can think of where our culture and what the Bible says is different?
- How can we start to change our lives so that our lives better reflect what the Bible tells us we should be doing?