

The Truth About Who We Are



Part 3: What is Faith?
What is Culture?

Next Week: *Part 4: Jesus & the Indian Experience*

Goals for This LG Series

1. See the evidence of Jesus transforming humanity
2. Help us better understand one another

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30%

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Tuesday or Wednesday

What is faith? What is culture?

What ETHNIC GROUP is God engaging?	The PERSON God uses	God's VALUE or INTENTION ?	The CULTURAL EXPRESSION
Jewish disciples in Israel	Jesus (John 13)	Love one another	Footwashing
Jews and Gentiles in Jerusalem	The disciples (Acts 2)	The gospel is for all tongues and tribes	Speak in their languages
Unbelieving Jews in Lystra & Iconium	Paul & Timothy (Acts 15)	Have respect for Jewish customs	Paul circumcises Timothy
Greeks in Athens	Paul (Acts 17)	Evangelize in an effective, relevant way	Paul quotes Greek philosophers and the 'altar to an unknown god'

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- For though I am free from all, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. And to the Jews I become as a Jew, that I might win the Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law; to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.
(1 Corinthians 9:19 – 22)

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- Problem = evil is internal to us
- Faith in Jesus = participating in God's new humanity
- Mission = loving all humanity and sharing Jesus with all
- Culture = the wrapping of the message

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- Love for others is the critical factor
- Christian mission is a lifestyle, not just 'activities'

Application

- White American & Asian-American dynamics
 - What kind of Father is God?
Friendly or Authoritative?
- When does your youth group meet?
Tuesday or Friday?

Application

- Korean-American and Chinese-American dynamics
 - How do you share your faith?
Invitational or Explanatory

Application

- The Key Question:
Mission or Survival?

Application: Don't be just a “consumer” of Scripture

- Journal about your quiet time in Matthew, Luke, or John.
- Share them with Mako by email: mako.nagasawa@gmail.com
- I'll help you study Scripture and increase your ability to talk about Jesus' impact on your life.