

Opening Verse: Ephesians 1:3-8

Review:

W1: Is The Bible true?

W2: What is the meaning of life?

W3: Are aliens real?

W4: Suffering, Doubt, and the Goodness of God

W5: Being a Christian in a fallen world

LANDMINES IN THE CULTURE:

Woke: The term *woke* originally meant being aware of injustice. Today, it often refers to a worldview that places identity, personal experience, and social power above God's truth. While Christians are called to love others, seek justice, and care for the oppressed, we must always define truth, justice, and identity by Scripture, not by culture. Our identity is found in Christ, our standard is God's Word, and our hope is the gospel, not any cultural movement.

Progressive Christianity: Progressive Christianity is a movement that often reinterprets or questions traditional Christian beliefs to align more closely with modern culture and values. It typically places greater emphasis on personal experience and social justice while being more open to reexamining biblical teachings on issues such as sin, salvation, sexuality, and the authority of Scripture. From a traditional biblical perspective, Christians are called to love others and pursue justice while remaining faithful to God's Word as the final authority for truth and doctrine.

Relativism: Relativism is the belief that truth is not absolute but depends on each person's feelings, experiences, or opinions. It teaches that there is no universal standard of right and wrong, leading to the idea that "what is true for you may not be true for me." In contrast, the Bible teaches that truth is absolute because it comes from God. As Christians, we don't define truth by culture or personal preference but by God's unchanging Word.

Deconstruction of faith- Deconstruction of faith is the process of critically examining and questioning one's beliefs. While honestly wrestling with questions can lead to a deeper and stronger faith, the term is often used today to describe dismantling or abandoning historic Christian beliefs in favor of personal beliefs or cultural values. As Christians, we should welcome sincere questions, but our goal is to let Scripture shape our beliefs rather than reshaping Scripture to fit our preferences.

THE STORY:

OUR ROADMAP:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How was your week? Is there anything we can celebrate or any prayer requests you'd like to share?
2. What stood out to you most from this week's message on living as a Christian in a fallen world?
3. Which "landmine" discussed in the sermon (relativism, deconstruction, progressive Christianity, woke ideology, false teaching, etc.) do you think Christians encounter most often today? Why?
4. Read Romans 12:2. What does it look like to avoid being conformed to the world while still loving and engaging with the people around us?
5. Daniel remained faithful to God while living in a culture that opposed God's ways. What can we learn from Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego about standing firm without becoming isolated or hostile?
6. How can we speak biblical truth with both conviction and love, especially when discussing difficult cultural issues with family, friends, or coworkers?
7. What are some practical ways we can keep our identity rooted in Christ instead of allowing culture, opinions, or personal feelings to define us?
8. What is one specific step you can take this week to live more faithfully for Christ in the culture God has placed you in?

