

KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 9:22

My goal is to find common ground with everyone I meet so that I might bring them to Christ.

John 17:14-15, 18

"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you would take them out of the world . . . As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

Hebrews 13:8-9

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. So do not be attracted by strange new ideas.

Matthew 24:35

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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GOD'S WORD IS RELEVANT TO EACH ONE OF OUR LIVES.

And it's our job to present that truth in a way that people can understand. That doesn't mean we water down the Gospel or twist the message of Christ to fit the cultural climate, but it does mean that, as a church, we strive to be biblically faithful and culturally relevant.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **1.** Read **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**. Who in your life needs God's love? Are there any barriers keeping you from sharing your faith with them? How can you find common ground and shared interests in order to build a connection with them this week?
- 2. Architecture, music and clothing styles may change. But truth doesn't change. The mission, theology and beliefs of our church will never change. But the model will and should change. What is the mission and model in your own life? How can you be biblically faithful and culturally relevant in your day-to-day life?
- **3.** Read **Matthew 13:34**. Why do you think Jesus spoke to crowds using parables? What are some stories in your life that you can use to tell others of Jesus' love, truth and grace?
- **4.** Jesus didn't come to strike a balance between grace and truth. He came to bring a full measure of both. Do you find it easier to show one more than the other? How can you bring a full measure of both to your interactions with others this week?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

What's one verse or promise in God's Word that is relevant to your life today? Share it on social media using **#EBCtruths**.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"I came to seek and save the lost." Luke 19:10