

- Pray each day for three of your friends and neighbors who do not know Christ. Pray that God would show you ways to

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- Tension. No one likes it, but we all have to deal with it. If you had to make a list, what are the three top areas of tension in your life right now? How do you deal with that tension?
- As Joe mentioned, it can be all too easy to blur the line between our culture's values and the values of God's kingdom. Could you relate to any of the examples Joe used? Can you think of a time when you confused the values of our culture with the values of the kingdom?
- Many of Paul's letters address the tension that came as these young churches struggled to figure out what it meant to follow Jesus in their culture. In what areas do you struggle with the tension of being a Christian in our culture? What does it mean—in terms of what you say, think, do, spend, and give—to try to be “in the world” but not “of the world” in our day and age?

Some next steps: Here are some things you can do this week to allow God to keep directing your life:

- Keep up with the NT 40 reading plan; at this point you're almost halfway there. You can do it!
- Find 15 minutes this week when you can hole up in a quiet place with a pen and paper. Spend that time praying, asking God to show you areas in your life where you might currently be confusing the values of our culture with the values of the kingdom. Write down what comes to mind, and then pray that God will show you ways that you can begin to change.

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