

Creating a Gospel Culture: Principles from 1 Peter 1-3

Christians in Europe today face an increasingly hostile culture. It was the same for Peter's readers. In this session we'll explore how Peter responds. We'll discover how our identity on Christ shapes our missional practice. We'll discover how we can push evangelism down into people's everyday lives. And we'll discover the power of the Christian community to reinforce our message.

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1. Proclaim the gospel to one another

A. Practical action: make the sermon the agenda of everyday discipleship

2. Proclaim the gospel to create a missional identity

B. Practical action: model a missional identity

3. Proclaim the gospel in everyday life

C. Practical action: bring gospel intentionality to the routines of life

4. Proclaim the gospel through community

D. Practical action: involve unbelievers in the life of the community

Suggested Reading:

Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, *Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and Community* (IVP, 2009)

Tim Chester, *A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, and Mission around the Table* (Crossway, 2011)

Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, *Everyday Church: Mission By Being Good Neighbours* (IVP, 2011)

David Guzik commentary on 1 Peter 3, where Peter addresses the issue of submission in the home and the Godliness that lies in suffering. In the culture of the ancient world it was almost unthinkable for a wife to adopt a different religion than her husband. Christian women who came to Jesus before their husbands needed instruction. b. Likewise: Proper submission in the home follows the same principles of submission as towards government or our employers. It is submission not only of the actions, but also of the heart as demonstrated by the surrendering heart of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21-25). i. The call for submission is not merely a call for love and considerate action. It is a call to take the place of submission to authority.