



WHAT IS CULTURE?

1. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT _____ IS, DON'T ASK A _____.

*CULTURE TENDS TO _____ US MOST DEEPLY BY WHAT IT PRESENTS AS
_____.

"Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." Romans 12:2 (MSG)

QUESTION TO CONSIDER: IS CULTURE SHAPING YOUR _____ OF _____
OR IS YOUR FAITH SHAPING YOUR _____ OF _____.

Student ministry is no longer the minor leagues, it's the front lines.

2. THE ENEMY COMES AFTER US IN OUR _____ BECAUSE HE'S SCARED OF WHAT WE COULD BE IN
OUR _____.

*WE WON'T LOSE BY _____. WE WILL LOSE BY _____.

LUKE 15: DEFINING MOMENT

THE PRODIGALS PLAN "A": THE DEATH WISH

*"There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them."
"Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living." Luke 15:11-13 (ESV)*

*PRODIGAL-"a man who has a single evil quality, that of wasting his substance."-Aristotle

THE PRODIGALS PLAN "B"-NOT WILLING TO FORFEIT PRIDE

"And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything." Luke 15:14-16 (ESV)

THE PRODIGALS PLAN "C"-THE FACE-SAVING PLAN

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" Luke 15:17-19 (ESV)

THE FATHER'S PLAN "A"-THE LIFE-CHANGING CONFRONTATION

"And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." Luke 15:20 (ESV)

3. THE FATHER'S ACTIONS ARE VERY _____.

"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'" Luke 15:21 (ESV)

"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate." Luke 15:22-24 (ESV)

The God who first formed you knows how to restore you.

