

Becoming Like Jesus

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When we come into a new season, we rarely recognize it or get mentors.

Acts 2:40–43 NASB95

⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!” ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

The New Eschaton

New age in human history – new society – new culture

They devoted themselves to break free from our ungodly culture.

Ignorance, Selfishness, Isolation, Self Reliance

Counter Cultural Formation

The worst addiction in the world is comfort.

Acts 2:43 NASB95

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Hedonism <----> Legalism | Two alternate extreme errors

1 Timothy 4:7 NASB95

⁷ But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

We need to devote ourselves to counter cultural formation.

Romans 8:19 NASB95

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

We start our Counter-Cultural spiritual formation by learning of God and focusing on Him

Questions

Pastor Carl pointed out 4 areas where we see Peter calling this wicked generation. Where do you see it the most in the circles you travel in?

What areas have you seen the most growth since you have started following Jesus?

What areas do you see the most need for growth?

What in the message most resonated with you?