

## COMMON GROUND | WEEK 2 PASTOR DANNY ANDERSON

The church stewards the message of
So we are Christ's <b>ambassadors</b> ; God is making his appeal <b>through us</b> . We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20
Without Christ, people have no
He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son <b>has life</b> ; whoever does not have God's Son does <b>not have life</b> . 1 John 5:11-12
Our church seeks to be
"Instead of becoming salt and light in the world, we have been content to withdraw into our separate ecclesiastical ghettos, preoccupied with our own internal affairs and unconcerned about the deepest needs of those around us. In the eyes of many, religion has lost its relevance." – Billy Graham
"The culture chasm consists of the barriers that keep a secular person from hearing and understanding our message." – Mark Mittelberg
Cultural relevance: making the gospel



Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to **bring many to Christ**. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to **bring the Jews to Christ**. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could **bring to Christ** those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can **bring them to Christ**. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to **bring the weak to Christ**. Yes, I try to find **common ground** with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to **spread the Good News** and share in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Cultural relevance is
"When Paul was with the Gentiles he complied with their habits and feelings as far as he could possibly do so and still be loyal to the Savior."  – William MacDonald
Common ground opens the door for a
about the gospel.
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eternal life
hope
culturally relevant
relatable
common ground
conversation
Dress
Music
Music



1 Corinthians 9:23

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