

Counter-Cultural Authentic Discipleship

- The Culture would say: “Isolate and be anonymous unless it’s convenient, comfortable and of benefit to you to do otherwise.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Engage, even when it’s not convenient and comfortable for you, for the benefit of God.”

- The Culture would say: “It’s all about you.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “It’s all about Jesus!”

- The Culture would say: “Be aggressive and climb higher.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Humble yourself and He will lift you up.”

- The Culture would say: “Intentionally rub shoulders with the Big Names.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Be intentionally in the Presence of the One whose name is above all names.”

- The Culture would say: “Be served!”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Serve!”

- The Culture would say: “Be a Leader of men.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Be a follower of Jesus.”

- The Culture would say: “Grab all you can.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Give all you can.”

- The Culture would say: “Protect yourself, promote yourself, preserve yourself, entertain yourself, comfort yourself, take care of yourself.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Slay yourself!”

- The Culture would say: “Be politically correct.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Be Biblically correct.”

- The Culture would say: “Here I am!”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Here is your God!”

- The Culture would say: “My personal value lies in how others see and evaluate me.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “My personal value lies in how God sees and evaluates me.”

- The Culture would say: “Nothing is ever enough.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “God is enough!”

- The Culture would say: “Hold on with a white-knuckled grip.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Open up your hands to receive the only thing worth having ----- HIM.”

- The Culture would say: “Strive!”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Surrender!”

- The Culture would say: “Demand your rights.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Attend to your responsibilities.” (Our responsibility is to respond to His ability.)

- The Culture would say: “Hold your ground!”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Be radically repentant and return to God.”

- The Culture would say: “Enlist others and even God in meeting your heart longings.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Come alongside God in His heart longings.”

- The Culture would say: “Live for the moment.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Invest in eternity.”

- The Culture would say: “Rely on being articulate, persuasive, and eloquent.”

The Authentic Disciple would say: “Speak the very words of God and rely on a demonstration of the Spirit’s power.”

*We must personally commit to making the church of Jesus Christ
be more like authentic discipleship
than like the culture around us!*