



### **It Matters, Pt. 7: Hard to Imagine**

Is the church still relevant today? Well, try to imagine a culture without the Church. What would that culture look like? Better yet, would that be a culture in which you would want to live? In this final message of the series, the case was made that Christianity, unlike any other religion or civilization, offers not just a different way of living, but a better way of living. We explored how Christians - and the Church - have been on the forefront for the most positive, liberating advances known to humankind. The gospel of Jesus Christ is not only a message that saves people for eternal life, but a message that restores a broken world. It's a message that has shaped cultural values and national identities. With that in mind, it's time for the Church to re-engage at every level because our message is a message of life.

**Bottom Line:** We are stewards of the message of eternal life, and stewards of the message of a better life.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What are distinct ways that the Church has "Christianized" our culture?
2. What would our culture look like if the church did not exist?
3. Are there any differences in the way that the Church has shaped eastern and western thought?
4. Read Galatians 5. What examples can you give to support the argument that we are naturally bent toward sin?
5. How can you be a steward of not only the message of eternal life but also a steward of the message of a better life?
6. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
7. How can the group encourage you this week?