

# ONE NATION UNDER GOD?

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## ONE NATION UNDER GOD? HOW TO CHANGE A DRIFTING CULTURE

*So we (Christ-followers) are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"* **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)**

*God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.* **2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)**

*Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."* **John 20:21 (NIV)**

HOW TO AFFECT A DRIFTING CULTURE:

### Culture's Approach...

- Accommodate it... Go along to get along.
- Fight it... Draw a sword.
- Go hide and ignore it...Head in the sand.

### God's approach...

Engage it with Grace and Truth.

Jesus calls us ... *"To be in the world, not of the world"* **John 17:13-18**

## **How?** John 4:1-42 (Jesus and the Samaritan Woman)

### **1. Go where the shifted/lost are.**

*So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. He had to go through Samaria on the way. Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noon-time. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water. **John 4:3-7 (NLT)***

### **2. Meet them at their true need.**

*Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." **John 4:10 (NLT)***

### **3. Tell them His Truth.**

*The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!" **John 4:25-26 (NLT)***

*Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world." **John 4:39-42 (NLT)***

**Going deeper on your own:** Read the entire story of John 4:1-42. Who are you in this story? The woman (looking for love in all the wrong places), the disciples (judgmental - maybe even a little bigoted), the Samaritans (partially knowing the truth - but not all of it) or do we have the heart of Christ? Where is the Samaritan in your life? What will you intentionally do this week to help them find their way to the one who can meet their greatest need?