



Crucial Concerns: Christian Faithfulness in a Rapidly Changing World – SF102

Society and culture continue to undergo rapid change, and opposition to Christian perspectives is more intense than ever. So, what does this mean for the Church and for the individual believer? How do we live as 'salt and light' (Matt. 5:13-16), blending grace and truth as we engage our unbelieving neighbors, friends and co-workers? And in what ways does the Church itself need to be revived and renewed by God's Word to remain faithful to its calling and mission?

These are the kinds of questions we will consider together from Scripture, including:

- How do we graciously live with (and listen to) our unbelieving neighbors while remaining fully committed to the authority and wisdom of God's Word in every area of life?
- How do we minister to people in LGBTQ+ lifestyles, including family members and friends?
- Why should we remain devoted to preserving religious freedom (and freedom of conscience)?
- How do we balance the priority of proclaiming the Gospel with our calling to care about matters of justice and compassion?
- How does our political involvement relate to 'the separation of church and state'?
- How can social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter be used in constructive positive ways (and how can we avoid the downsides of these widespread ways of communicating)?
- Why should Christians continue to care about tax-exempt status for churches and other religious and benevolent entities?
- What is the relation between the Christian religion and the prevailing secular world-view?
- How do we engage these concerns in urgent and intelligent ways, while remaining ultimately confident in God's sovereign control in accomplishing the purposes of his Kingdom?

"...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matt. 5:16

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone. For at one time we too were...." – Titus 3:1f.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10

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