



THE
REFUGE
DARTMOUTH UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

March 2018



Adult Sunday 6:30PM
BIBLE CLASS

Men's Ministry
March 17, 11AM

Ladies Ministry
March 17, 6:30PM



Kingdom Life

Wednesday - 7PM

-Youth Chapel-
-Wednesday-
-7pm-



Things to THINK ABOUT



While it is true that we are IN the world and not OF the world, the reality is that all of us are influenced by the culture that surrounds us. Jesus told us that being citizens of the Kingdom of God meant that we must embrace the ideals of His Kingdom over the ideals of the culture we inhabit on this planet. These values often clash in obvious ways that we can easily identify. However, we are subtly influenced by the culture in ways that we may be unaware of.

Whether we care to admit it or not, the church is a microcosm (*a community, place, or situation that encapsulates in miniature the characteristics, qualities, or features of something much larger*) of the earthly culture we came out of. This can't be helped; but it presents a problem. This earthly culture is diseased on so many levels that we can become easily influenced by errant thought and not even be aware of it.

Western culture is at war with itself. Some are fighting for rights and privileges as citizens and others point out the fact that we are abandoning our financial, parental, and leadership responsibilities. I see how this war of values can easily find root in The Kingdom. The artistic and creative people demand their rights and place and the practical organized people demand responsibility both financially and spiritually. Words fly. Feelings get hurt. The kingdom should never go to war with itself. Jesus taught **both** rights **and** responsibilities.

John 14:14 *If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

Luke 9:23 *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

If all we had were “Kingdom Rights”, the chaos would destroy us. If all we had were “Kingdom Responsibilities”, the burden would crush us. Both are vital to a healthy dynamic church.

The reality is that all people can be part of what God is doing on the earth by embracing both personal responsibility and having compassion on others. This must be demonstrated to an earthly culture that has loosed themselves from these “obsolete” ideals. We must lead the way in the Kingdom and demonstrate the balance of rights and responsibilities. We are a people who both **hears** and **does** while living in an earthly culture that yells and blames.

Being in the Kingdom of God at a time like this is incredible. The contrast between the darkness and light is startling. We must not let the diseased values of the earthly culture displace the values of the Kingdom of God in our hearts and in our church.



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