

Church Culture? Gospel culture? Evangelical culture? Kingdom Culture...

Church is more than a meeting. But the odds are, the meeting or the building is the first thing you think of when you hear the word church. Sunday school, Christmas plays, pot luck dinners, and special catch phrases usually mark the sub culture of church people.

A gospel culture is a community where the “southern” gospel saturates every experience. The good news begins in our Bible study, when we intentionally return to the gospel every time we open our Bibles. This gospel culture takes root in our study groups and then spreads out into our larger church community. The result is a community where, doubters become believers who become declarers of the gospel.

Evangelicals are a large subsection of Protestants who hold to 4 basic truths:

1. A literal reading of the Bible, it is without error.
2. Jesus is the only way to heaven
3. Every single person must accept Christ exclusively, and renounce trust in other faiths.
4. Evangelicals are responsible to proselytize or convert others.

Their “culture” is portrayed by Hollywood as simpletons, backwards, and archaic. Hollywood vilifies conservative Christian convictions on abortion, LGBTQ, and evolution, while their music and movies promote violence, casual sex, and drug use.

Mainline church culture is more liberal, modern, formal, educated, and inclusive. Many Mainline churches preach a universal access to God’s grace and practice more of a corporate spiritual journey than a personal one. A much broader mission includes economic or social development, Diversity, and charity.

- See movie “Leap of Faith” w Steve Martin 1992
- “church people” 2021 (collide Media group)

Kingdom culture (a way of life) may or may not include these Christian sub cultures as we see them or practice them. It is greater than our interpretation or application of behaviors and preferences.