

**Title:** The influence of culture  
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### **What is culture?**

the characteristics of a particular group of people, defined by:

- ideas, customs & religion
- language
- social habits/behaviour
- cuisine
- music & arts

### **Word**

#### **Culture matters to God**

##### **Matthew 28:19**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations

##### **Matthew 24:14**

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

##### **Revelations 7:9**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

### **How the Jews received Jesus**

##### **Mark 6:1-6**

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief."

##### **Mark 7:1-9**

##### **Mark 8:31-33**

### **Kingdom culture**

##### **Galatians 5:22-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

##### **Revelations 3:20**

"behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

**Conclusion**

How does your culture influence the way that you see God?  
Is kingdom culture being established in your life?