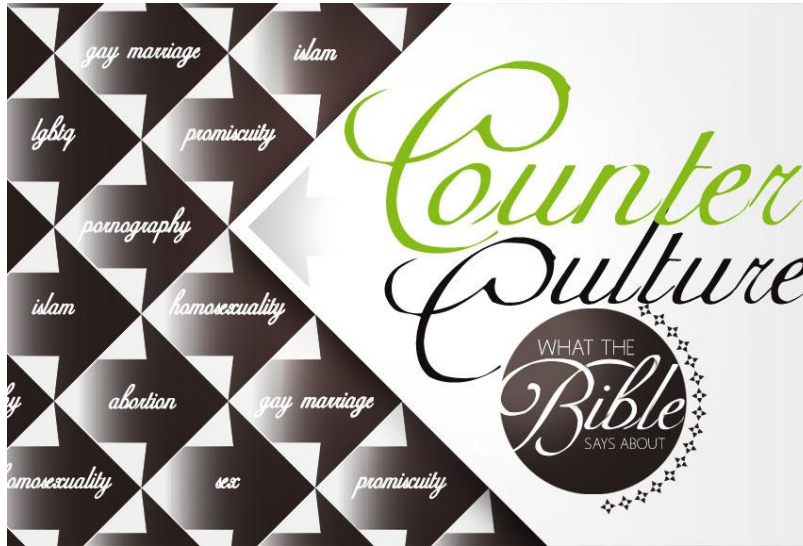


Pluralism and the Bible



Sermon Questions

1. What is pluralism? Pluralism can simply refer to the _____ of race, value systems, heritage, language, culture, and religion
2. Philosophical pluralism (a pluralistic way of thinking) carries the idea that no one culture or religion or way of thinking is _____.
3. The modern church has sought to be a voice among many voices. It is gone on a _____ for relevance.
4. Circle three ways the modern church has tried to be a voice in our pluralistic culture:
 - a. Consumerism — finding out what people like and giving it to them.
 - b. Acosmism — disbelief in existence of eternal universe distinct from God.
 - c. Agnosticism — doctrine that we can know nothing beyond material phenomena.
 - d. Inclusivism — acknowledging there are many paths to heaven.
 - e. Antidiseestablishmentarianism — the longest ism I could find.
 - f. Removing the offense — deny or hide teaches like sin, hell, and so forth.
5. What we need in our pluralistic day, where there is no absolute truth, is _____.
6. How do we communicate truth in our day? Two things are important:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

7. Fill in the blanks for the 6 reflections from Acts 17:22–34.

- a. Those listening had _____ foundation of Christian truth.
- b. There is proclamation of truth but _____ in terms of who he is addressing.
- c. There is common _____ established...
- d. so that he can counter the _____ of the day.
- e. He doesn't just counter the ideas of the day but moves to _____ and our needed response.
- f. Not all will respond in _____.