

# CULTURE: FACILITATOR'S NOTES

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Culture is formed from a shared set of practices consistently lived out. Practices in turn reflect the truest beliefs of our hearts. Our minds need to be renewed so that our beliefs arise from what God says rather than from our own (possibly negative) experiences. This curriculum is structured to facilitate this process of culture formation: from teaching to beliefs to practices to culture.

The TEACHING section is a brief instruction for you to present, as written, or in your own words. Feel free to elaborate if you think people are not getting it, but don't engage in debate.

The BELIEFS section is a distillation of the teaching into a set of memorable statements that people can declare to themselves on a daily basis. The issue is not that these statements reflect where we are at, but rather where we want to be. The beliefs are derived from what God says about us and about himself. You should help people to move beyond their own contrary experience in having their minds renewed.

The TESTIMONY section gives an opportunity for people to share their own story of how these beliefs are already operating in their lives, and so encourage others.

The PRACTICES section describes how we want to operate as a community. You could discuss to what extent people are aware that this is already true of your community, and to what extent they find themselves participating in this culture.

The ACTIVATION section gives opportunity for prayer for one another, for further faith-building discussion and to remind us to use the daily declarations.