



Sunday Morning Equipping



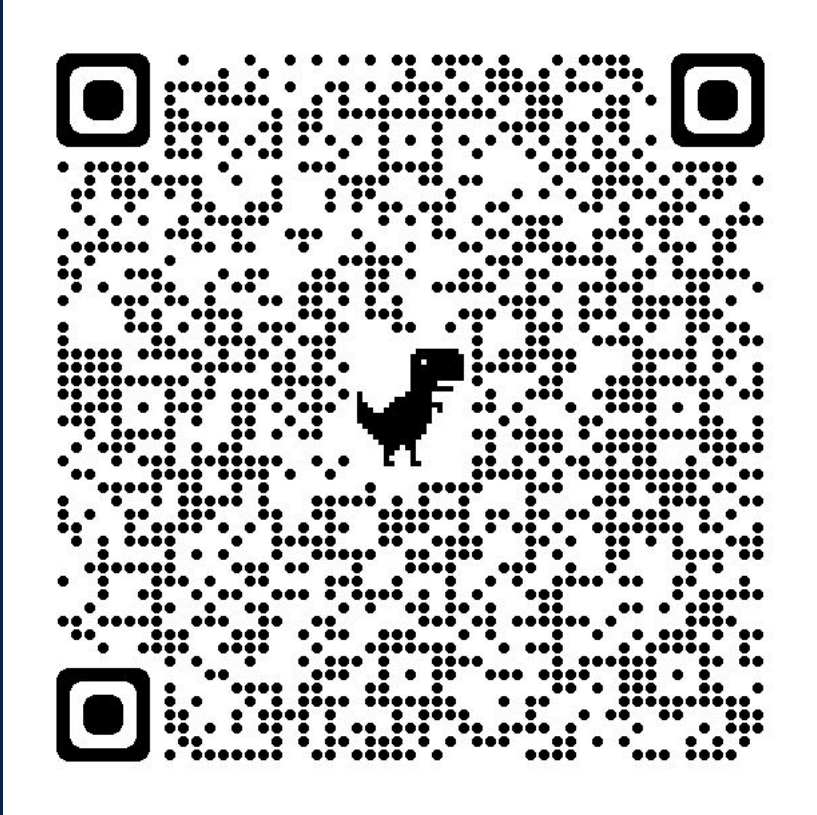
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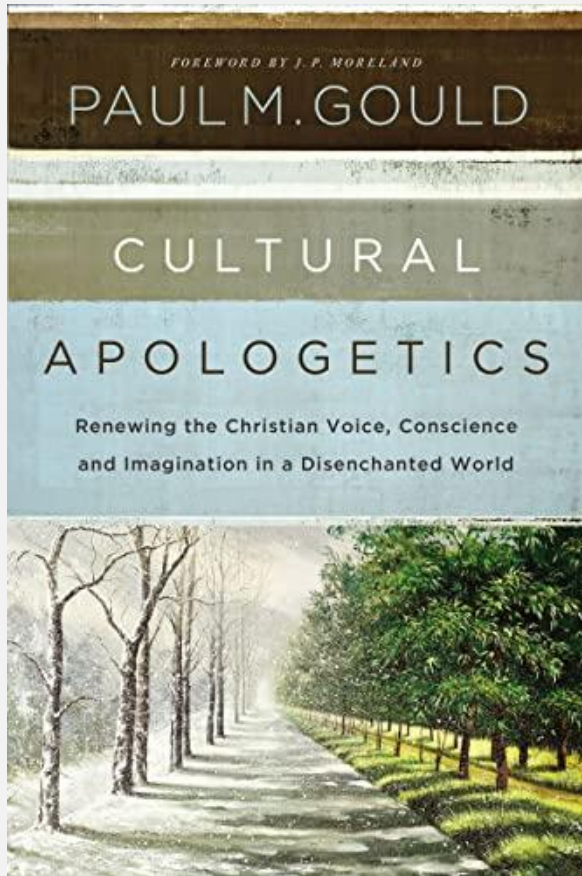
Week 1: Polarization

Week 2: Consumerism

Week 3: The Self-Made
Person

Week 4: Deconstruction

Cultural Apologetics



“What the apologist must practice is not simply intellectual argumentation but cultural apologetics. Apologists must show that Christianity is not only true but that it is good and beautiful. Therefore, they must engage the intellect, imagination, and conscience.”

- Jacob Haywood summarizing Paul M. Gould



Titus 2:7-8

7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.



Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect

Table Discussion 1

What is consumerism? How does it affect everyday life?



Consumerism



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"The consumer Christian is one who utilizes the grace of God for forgiveness or the services of the church for special occasions, but does not give his or her life and innermost thoughts, feelings, and intentions over to the kingdom of the heavens. Such Christians are not inwardly transformed and not committed to it."

-Dallas Willard



"Consumerism proves divisive for the church in multiple ways. It separates churches from their members (by creating a class of clergy who dispense religious goods as commodities), separates one church from another (by casting them as competitors in delivering the best goods and programs) and separates churches by race and class (by catering to the desires of one group over another)" -Trevin Wax

Table Discussion 2

How can Christians be salt and light in a culture that swims in consumerism?



Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, **for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’



Luke 12:13-21

¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘**Fool!** This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



- 1. Track consumption and the world's attempts to change it to mindset.**
 - Consider fasting as a spiritual discipline
- 2. How do you evaluate experiences at church?**
- 3. Observe the Sabbath (Trevin Wax)**
- 4. Remember King Jesus (Keller)**



2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he **became poor**, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



Big Opportunity



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TGC Cultural Apologetics 101



- 8-session weekly online cohort, February 28 – April 17 (sessions available for streaming or download for 60 days after session)
- Define cultural apologetics
- Gain a deeper understanding of its importance for apologetics, evangelism, and discipleship
- Develop a plan for how to employ cultural apologetics in your neighborhood

Cultural Apologetics 101 - Teachers



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Registration:

- Use QR code below to access website for more info and registration link
- We have a code for 30% off
 - To get the code, email Kara Brown at KaraB@Perimeter.org
- Registration closes Feb 15th

