

# North Friendship News

Monthly Newsletter for North Friendship General Baptist Church, Inc.  
*"Come and Experience the Power of God"*

## How to Become a Student of Our Culture

### 1. HOW TO EXPERIENCE MORE OF WHAT WE WILL SEE IN ETERNITY.

(REV. 7:9, NLT) Tells us that John saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the lamb. Yet today, the church tends to be divided. Too many times, we seek to surround ourselves with those who are like us. It is sad to say, but the longer we are Christians, the less time we spend with non-believers. Jesus understood sinners because he spent time with them. WHY? TO WIN THEM. We must be willing to become students of our culture, and cultivate relationships, because we care for them as individuals and are sincerely concerned about their eternal salvation.

### 2. HOW TO REFLECT ETERNITY TO THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

You see church, we are supposed to be a visible representation of the invisible kingdom. If we do not show the reflection of heaven through our church, then those outside the church will find other places to turn. We must, I repeat, must reflect an outward desire to see people from all backgrounds come into our church. By displaying this we will demonstrate our commitment to reach our community and our world for Jesus.

### 3. HOW TO BECOME STUDENTS OF OUR CULTURE.

When we attempt to learn about different cultures, contexts and people, then we are truly able to act like Jesus. We are able to be people of service. When we do as Christ did when he took the towel and washed his disciples feet, we are then humbling ourselves by allowing us to learn and appreciate the differences and help integrate them into our church. But always remember church, that through these opportunities we will encounter challenges. We need to take the time to get to know each other. It must be done for the sake of being done and always with the mission of God in mind. If we truly have a heart for winning the lost, anything is possible. Church, we must be willing to take the risk.

Remember, it's not about us, but about Him.

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