



APPALLING TO APPEALING

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In the first century of Christianity, there were classes of people whose circles rarely overlapped, who came together voluntarily and regularly to worship the crucified God. This was appalling to some, yet appealing to others. Christ died and rose again so that ALL believers are his heirs. This week we learned that this culturally disruptive unity shocked the world...and shaped the world.

1. CULTURALLY DISRUPTIVE UNITY—READ Galatians 3:28.

How was Paul's message counter cultural in those days? How is this counter cultural today?

2. JESUS SITS ON THE THRONE— Matthew 16:18b *and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.* No matter who sits in the White House, Jesus will forever sit on the Throne. What does this mean to you?

3. CARRY EACH OTHER'S BURDENS—READ Galatians 6:2

When we choose to carry someone's burden, what divides us diminishes, and what unites us surfaces. Discuss what this statement means to you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What happens when you choose to carry someone else's burdens?
2. As a Christ follower, what can you do that would cause your life to be appealing to those who don't agree with you politically?
3. What is your biggest takeaway from this message or series?

CHALLENGE—This week, make an intentional effort to cause your life to be appealing to someone who doesn't agree with you politically.

COMMIT TO MEMORY— *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* Galatians 3:28