For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10
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Background Music: Bensound
Our Speaker

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John Stonestreet,  
“Reimagine Education”

Jesus prays, “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”
(John 17:15)

When we talk about the cultural moment as Christians we need to begin in the right place. We do live in a cultural moment, but it is just that, a moment. The moment is not the story. God gives us the whole story. We’re tempted to stand in the moment and re-evaluate the story. But the moment is to be evaluated based on the story, not the other way around. We have a role to play—our students are called to thrive and lead in the culture. The measure of success in teaching our students is not today’s behavior. It is measured through how they live their lives throughout adulthood.

Christian education, at the end of the day, is the stewardship of souls. We are not teaching or mentoring the next generation to know, love, and follow God in a vacuum. We are doing it in a cultural moment.

The story verses the moment
Throughout the Bible God has given us the story of reality – the big metanarrative of life in the world.

Acts 17:24-26

The wrong first question
Where do we draw the line?

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The purpose of Christian Education
“The purpose of Christian education, then, would not be merely to make men and women pious Christians... A Christian education would primarily teach people to think in Christian categories” - T.S. Eliot (Christianity and Culture)
John Stonestreet, “What is a Human Being”  
[Genesis 1:27]

What it means to be human is not just an important question asked in our culture, it is a significant theological foundation. The issues we see in culture are not just shifts in morality, these are shifts in the view of reality itself. We no longer know what it means to be human. The image of God provides us with the theological framework of engaging culture and defining what it means to be human.

**Shifts in Culture**

Ideas have:
- Consequences
- Histories
- Context

**Deconstruction of Man and Woman.**

18th Century – 

19th Century – 

20th Century – 

**Humanity in the Wake of Secularism**

What can I do with it? | What is it for?

**Idols of Today**

**Humanity in Christianity**
The notion of equality and dignity come from the image of God.

**Humanity in the Biblical Story**
Creation – The Fall – Redemption – Restoration

**Personal Application Questions:**
- List some aspects of your generational lens that impact how you view today’s culture.