

Outline

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- What is the psychology/sociology behind cults?
- What is the theology behind cults?
- Who is Jesus?
- How do we interact with the cults?
- How should I pray for the cults?

Keep In Mind

- Cults are not people. Cults are _____.
- Cults exist because of sin.
- We must perpetually _____ and know our own language.
- Just because we disagree with a group doesn't make them a cult.
- Not every cult is the same.
- The only solution for cults is the true _____.

Why Study Cults?

- Cults make up a large percentage of the non-Christian religious population in the US.
- Cults are right here in our area.
- We will see cults and will inevitably interact with them.
- Cults are especially hazardous to human flourishing.

What is a Cult/Where do Cults Come From?

- "A group of people gathered about a specific person-or person's _____ of the Bible."
-Dr. Walter Martin
- "A religion regarded as unorthodox or spurious, also it's body of adherents." -Webster
- _____
 - The belief that the true church was lost at the death of the apostles and every church since has been anathema.
- _____
 - This belief is primarily centered around the eschaton, or the end of days. Preparing for, predicting, and living like it is the end of times.
- 2 Kinds of Cults:
 - _____ Cult and _____ Cult

Psychological/Sociological Framework

- 3 Fs of Cult Attraction: Faith, _____, & Future
- Disfellowshipping
 - The cultic practice of _____ people out of the community of the cult completely.

- For cults, love is a _____.
- _____ and _____ Manipulation
 - Offering love with one hand while holding a gun with the other.
- Easy to get in, Hard to get out

Cult Structure

- A.T.E. Model
 - A _____ Leader
 - _____ - _____ "T" Structure
 - Community E _____

Authoritarian Control

- B.I.T.E Model – Dr. Steven Hassan
 - B _____ Control
 - I _____ Control
 - T _____ Control
 - Deprogramming - the attempt to undo the effects of a cult on one's mind.
 - E _____ Control

Theological Framework

- R.O.U.G.E. Model
 - New R _____
 - Denial of O _____ Doctrine
 - U _____ Scripture
 - Rejection of G _____
 - Theological term switching is called _____
 - Claim of E _____
- The most important question we can ask of the cults is:
 - Who do you say that _____ is?
- "The existence of a counterfeit predicates the authenticity of an original." - Dr. Walter Martin

How do we interact with the Cults?

- The Christian should be certain that they are tempered with patience and love, so that the cultist appreciates that such tactics are motivated by one's personal concern for his eternal welfare, and not just to "win the argument." - Dr. Walter Martin
- We must be like Paul, Accurate, _____ and present a compelling _____.

How should we pray for the cults?

- Pray that God will protect them both physically and mentally.
- Pray that God will draw people out of these damaging religions.
- Pray that God puts safe people in their path on their way out.
- Pray that God not only draws them out of the cult, but also into his grace mercy and love. Salvation.
- Pray that God may grant the leaders of cults soft hearts for repentance and pull down these strongholds.