**Counterculture** *(Series Graphic)*

Part One: “**What is Truth**?”

Part Two: **Race**

**One** race.

1. Racism is **sin**.
2. Racism is **injustice**.
3. Racism **grieves** the Lord.

We want to be a **Biblical** church that looks like heaven.

**Raising Kids in Babylon**

(Daniel 1:1-7 NLT)

“During the third year of King Jehoiakim’s reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God. So Nebuchadnezzar took them back to the land of Babyloniaand placed them in the treasure-house of his god.

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah’s royal family and other noble families, **who had been brought to Babylon as captives**. “Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,” he said. “Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. **Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon**.” The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. **The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names**: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego.”

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1. Babylon wants to **rename** our kids.

We can create a culture in our homes that is **stronger** than the culture that is deceiving our kids.

1. Train our kids that this world is **not** our home.
2. Train our kids to **guard** their **hearts**.

(Proverbs 4:23)

“Above all else, **guard your heart**, for everything you do flows from it.”

1. Train our kids to **know** who they are **in Christ**.

**I am**: a new creation, dead to sin and alive in Christ, redeemed, renewed, God’s treasured possession, an heir, an ambassador, more than a conqueror, set apart, called, complete, loved, chosen, forgiven, empowered, free, **a child of God**.

Parents: do not give your spiritual authority away to others. **Be a parent of faith and confidence.**

God is not looking for perfect parents. He's looking for **courageous** and **faithful** parents who are willing, with **repentant and humble hearts**, to pass on a legacy of redemption, holiness, and wisdom.