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Culture Collision: I Don't Need God

John 15:5-8: ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Points to Ponder

1. List some ways in which culture and Christianity collide when it comes to believing whether or not you need God.
2. What’s the best way to be heard by someone who doesn’t believe there’s a God? Should you get in an argument? What’s the best approach?
3. How is the message of Jesus different than any other “sales pitch” you might give? What makes it the best “product”?
4. Read **John 15:5**. If we aren’t connected to Jesus, what can we do? What an important message for those who are frustrated and searching for the reason for their purpose!

5. Read John 5:7,8. What do these verses say about how God intervenes in our lives and why?

As our culture leans farther from God and more toward questions like, “Do we even need a god?” it is so important for us to share the message of the gospel. Without Jesus, we can do nothing. But with God in our lives, he guides and directs us; he gives us purpose and love and mercy and forgiveness. This is the best news to share!

What else does God say?

Psalm 14:1: The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

2 Peter 1:16: We did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.