



Part Three: Vaxxed v. Unvaxxed: The Great Divide // Carey Nieuwhof // **January 23, 2022**

Our culture is more divided than ever—vaxxed versus unvaxxed, masks versus no masks, conservatives versus progressives, church attenders who gather versus church attenders who don't. Even Christians are at a loss to know how to respond. Enter the radical idea of the church.

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Scripture: [Colossians 3:5-11 NIV](#), [Acts 2:42-47 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: *Going* to church produces a group of people who reflect culture. *Being* the church produces a group of people who change the culture.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways have you experienced more division in your life over the last few years during the pandemic?
2. How has being isolated impacted you?
3. Read [Colossians 3:5-11](#). Why do you think the claim Paul makes is so radical?
4. How much of your identity is (honestly) tied up in how you vote, your ideas, or your 'status' (vaxxed or not vaxxed, etc.)?
5. In light of today's scripture and message, what's the problem with 'going to church'?
6. Contrast the habits and practices of the early church in [Acts 2:42-47](#) with your life today? What's different? What's the same? What does that mean for you moving forward?
7. How are you feeling about having a conversation with someone who disagrees with you, votes differently than you, has a different vaccination status than you or sees the world differently from you? What would make it easier?

Moving Forward:

This week, have a conversation with someone who disagrees with you, votes differently than you, has a different vaccination status than you, or sees the world differently from you.

Don't argue, rant, or seek to convert.

Instead, listen, focus on what unites you (Jesus) rather than what divides you, and pray. If you can't pray with them, then after, pray for them.

Changing Your Mind:

"They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47 NLT