



Under the Influence | Ronnie Johnson | 9.13.20

## Weekly Study

### START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with who would they be?**

### SHARE

Welcome to Week Five of Kingdom Culture. Two thousand years ago, Jesus started the process of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth. In this series, we are talking about what it means to continue the process.

The "Kingdom" is God's presence on this earth, and "Culture" is a specific way of walking and talking. When we put those two words together, we get a great reminder that our calling is to carry God's Kingdom wherever we go. Our job is to walk and talk like Jesus's followers. We are agents, called to bring slices of heaven down to earth everywhere we go!

This week, Ronnie gave us some practical ways to build a Kingdom Culture in our church and our homes. But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by having everyone answer these questions:

**Describe your week using one word. Why did you use that word?**

**What was the high and low of your week?**

**What do you feel like God is trying to teach you in this season?**

### GROW

**Read Hebrews 12:25-29**

**What do you think the writer of Hebrews means by, “a Kingdom that cannot be shaken”?**

The writer of Hebrews had every right to be nervous and anxious. We don't know who wrote this letter, but we know it was written during a very turbulent time. The first century was a challenging time to be a Christian. They were facing persecution left and right. Emperor Nero was killing, burning, and throwing Christians into prison for their faith.

Whoever wrote this beautiful letter knew what we all needed. A reminder that underneath all the chaos, there is a firm foundation. A Kingdom that cannot be shaken! That is fantastic news! What this means is, no matter how crazy your life currently is, you can be encouraged by the reality that you are still standing on a solid foundation.

Our *foundation* cannot be shaken by a pandemic, politics, or polarization!

As Ronnie reminded us this week when we remember our firm foundation, it frees us up to build a Kingdom Culture everywhere we go!

**Do you believe you have received a Kingdom that cannot be shaken?**

**Does your life reflect that truth? Would those who know you best call you a person who cannot be shaken? If not, what is one step you can take this week to be grounded in this truth?**

M O V E

**Read Romans 12:1-8**

**What stuck out to you about this passage?**

In the passage you just read, Paul gives us the secret to transformation. He tells us we can be, transformed by the renewing of our mind!

When someone is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, it's usually pretty easy to tell that something is different about them. So, when we are under the influence of the Holy Spirit,

when the Spirit of God is living inside of us, people will be able to tell that something has changed.

**Is that true about your life? Do you carry peace into every room that you enter? Are you quick to forgive? Do you show people the same grace you have received?**

As Ronnie reminded us this week, "When we let God's grace change us, we allow it to change every part of us. Our talk is different. Our walk is different. Our confidence is different. Our security is different. Our peace is different. WE ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE!"

**What do you think it means to renew your mind?**

**What is one negative or toxic thought pattern you find yourself falling into? How are you going to call out that lie this week?**

**What is one practical way you can work to renew your mind this week?**

### Take-Home Assignment

In Ephesians 3, Paul spends some time praying for the church. In light of everything we talked about today, take some time over the next few days to pray the same prayer for Red Rocks Church!

**Ephesians 3:16-19 AMP**

May He grant you out of the riches of His glory, to be strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, [indwelling your innermost being and personality], so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith. And may you, having been [deeply] rooted and [securely] grounded in love, be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints (God's people) the width and length and height and depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love]; and [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience], that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself].

## P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

## T O G O

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit*

- Titus 3:4-5