

## Blockbuster – Stories #4: Don't Go Native

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**Philippians 3:17–21 (NIV84)**

**Romans 12:2 (The Message)**

**2** Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**Ephesians 2:1–3 (The Message)**

**1** It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin.

**2** You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience.

**3** We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us.

**John 18:37–38**

Two essential truths:

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We need help! \_\_\_\_\_ is our only real help.

**Acts 17:22–31 (NIV84)**

**John 15:20–21 (NIV84)**

**Revelation 3:15–16 (NIV84)**

**1 Peter 2:9 (The Message)**

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—

One Latin word for priest is *pontifex*, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Titus 2:11–12 (NIV84)** God's grace teaches us to say “\_\_\_\_\_” to some things and “\_\_\_\_\_” to other things!

**Philippians 2:14–16a (NIV)**

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Group Homework for the week of July 6, 2014

Can you remember a time in your life when God was working in your life, even though you couldn't see what he was up to at the time?

1. Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what's most important for you to remember and why?

2. What guidelines do you find in Romans 12:1-2 to help you not compromise your lifestyle?

3. Living here on earth can be challenging because we are surrounded by a fallen world. What practical advice does God give in the following Scriptures on how to live while here on earth?

1 John 2:15-17

Colossians 2:6-8

Psalms 1:1-6

4. Which things listed in the above passages are most important for you to put into practice?

5. Looking back at what you wrote above, are there areas where your good intentions or partial obedience may be keeping you from looking at how God really wants you to live?