



# HOMEWORK – WEEK 4

Relating To Your World  
Spring 2007

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## Reading:

Charles Colson & Brian McClaren, *The Postmodern Crackup*  
Leonard Sweet, *Aquachurch*

## Questions

On page 39 of *Aquachurch*, Sweet states, “Postmodern leaders are not customer-centric but Christocentric. Their focus is not ‘what the customer wants,’ but ‘what Christ wants.’”

- What is the difference between making sure the message of Christ is in language people will understand and being “customer-centric?”

Think about the story of Matthew Shepard’s grieving parents (pg. 41). Consider:

- How would you answer this question: “When did Christians become some of the world’s greatest haters?”
- What must our church do to shed the image of “the world’s greatest haters” and work towards becoming known as the “the world’s greatest lovers?”

Assess the following: “Say ‘I am a Christian’ to these pilgrims, and they flee for their lives. Say ‘I am a disciple of Jesus,’ and they gather ‘round to hear more’” (pg. 41).

- What evidence do you see of the accuracy of this statement?
- How can we address this issue in our church or our community?

Sweet states: “If there’s darkness, the blame should be attached where it belongs; not to the world that is dark but to the church which is failing to provide light.”

- Do you agree with this statement? Why?
- What should the church be doing to shed more light on the dark world?