



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday, April 20, 2026

“The Creative Minority: Standing Strong in a Shifting Culture”

Based on Chapter 7 – Gradually Then Suddenly (Mark Batterson)

### CHAPTER SUMMARY:

In Chapter 7, “The Creative Minority,” Mark Batterson emphasizes that lasting cultural change is often sparked by a small group of deeply committed individuals. Rather than waiting for the majority, God works through those who are willing to think differently, live boldly, and remain faithful. A creative minority is not defined by size but by conviction, consistency, and courage. These are individuals who refuse to conform to cultural pressures and instead shape culture through Kingdom values.

### OPENING THOUGHT:

We are living in a time where what used to be hidden is now celebrated. What used to be whispered is now public. Today (4/20) reminds us that culture often normalizes what God calls us to approach with wisdom and caution.

### FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

### POINT 1: WE ARE CALLED TO BE DISTINCT, NOT DISTANT

Matthew 5:13

We are called to influence culture, not withdraw from it.

Key Thought: You can be in the room without becoming the room.

### POINT 2: CULTURE CELEBRATES WHAT GOD CALLS US TO CONTROL

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NLT)

On marijuana culture (4/20):

Legal does not always mean beneficial.

The issue is dependency, escape, and loss of spiritual alertness.

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

Key Thought: If it controls you, it's no longer casual—it's a concern.

### **POINT 3: CHOOSE CLARITY OVER COMPROMISE**

Romans 12:2

You cannot transform culture if culture has transformed you.

### **POINT 4: GOD USES A FEW TO IMPACT MANY**

Judges 7

God works through committed minorities.

Key Thought: God doesn't need a crowd—He needs conviction.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Where do you feel the most pressure to conform?
2. How do you stay relevant without compromising?
3. What habits may seem acceptable but harm spiritual growth?
4. How do we challenge each other in love?
5. What does being a creative minority look like daily?

### **SUPPORT SCRIPTURES:**

Galatians 5:16

Ephesians 5:18

Proverbs 20:1

2 Timothy 1:7

1 Corinthians 10:23

**CLOSING CHARGE:**

God is raising up men who think clearly, live soberly, and lead intentionally. Be the creative minority in your home, workplace, and community.

**PRAYER:**

Lord, give us clarity in a confused culture, strength in a compromising world, and courage to stand firm. In Jesus' name, Amen.