

Cultural interaction paper:

Rynkiewich chapter 3(reading 100%), Robins chapter 4 (reading 100%)

It is through language and symbols that communication built, and it is through communication we know better of ourselves as well as others.

The connection between what we see and what we call it is arbitrary to us, and same subject viewed and spoken from different context, is different, it has different meanings. languages we've learnt help us to shape the reality. We express our feelings and experiences regarding our reality through language, and the structure of our language also has an effect on the structure of our thought and cognition, and it effects how we connect things and events. It is through communication we refine our understanding of the others, and we share the meaning in the midst of dialogue.

It is very important how we have constructive communication in our missions. In cross culture mission, I prefer to not only learn the language of the other culture, by doing so, we will understand how and why they talk that way, and what their culture and life look like under the language. And a mature long-term relationship as well as constructive communication are two important factors we should commit to in our missions.

Questions:

1. As an adult, when we learn another language, will our thought and cognition be shaped?
2. Like Paul, is that more efficient for us to evangelize in our own culture context in same language?

- Personal interaction of specific themes in reading with other resources and references.
- Two questions for further engaging this topic