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Vulnerable Mission: relating to people you are ministering to.

- Interpretation

- Prayer

How to train people to work in African context?

learn something + build

Use their language + use their resources

English is the language of money

Your Choice

Generosity: Be generous in a way that isn't buying people

If you are generous they might not communicate freely.

Westerners divide reality + the spiritual world.

Pro-victim - westerners are concerned with the victim.

Why not give to those you are ministering to?

- Don't want to buy people

Using local resources helps you learn to listen.

Questions

What we call praying
causation of physical reality is that prayer can make a difference.

Guilt vs. Shame

Chica: wasting disease = ends in death

Example: if guy gets of pregnant for the west it is more important to confess. In Africa they might be more worried of what the repercussions are?

Just because you know the language doesn't mean you understand.

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Alan Totire ✓

Muslim Background Believers
Believers of Muslim Backgrounds

Framework:

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2. Acquire the jargon to feel attached to Christianity
3. Life experiences that can be understood

Social Identity Theory: social psychology theory about self

When converting from Muslim to Christianity, they will lose their family. Where then can they have a positive social identity replaced?

Testimonies help individual to understand how they came to the faith

Voice: the voice helps someone be understood

Analysis: Push & Pull

Participants said disaffection previously from Islam

↳ Doesn't mean they will convert

3/4 participants came to Christ from church

0 participants came to Jesus b/c of missionaries

Strong sense of God's presence

Participate in the church

If the gospel is shared to others in a westernized way it brings

Daniel S.H. Ahn

Spanish & Portuguese missionaries were part of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Portuguese missions went to China 1513

Matteo Ricci & the Jesuit Missions in China

Matteo translated Confucian classics into Latin to draw attention of Western Churches.

"The True Meaning of the Lord of Heaven composed by Matteo Ricci"

Interfaith dialogue of Western Christ with Eastern Confucianism.

Ricci argument that the Chinese Deity Shangti is Western God.

Original Confucianism was Personal Monotheism as it became Impersonal Principle

↳ Believed this degeneration from adoption of Buddhism

Shangti - monotheistic, creator, Sovereign Lord

The ancient Chinese had known & worshipped 'one' Supreme being as the classics

Protestant Missionaries in 1800s the British & American disagreed on the word of God. American - Shen British - Shangti

Book of Acts 17

Point is that 'the biblical God' had already been at work

Global + local = Glocal God

2 Aspects of God:

Transcendents over an cultural

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Challenges Some multicultural churches
in South Africa: Most multi-cultural
churches are white dominating.
They prefer service in English &
Western theological sermons.
Their preferences ~~will~~ help to reduce
white dominance.

2) How language influences theological thought:
- Language always refers to an ontological context
- in translation, meaning is not retained but constructed
with respect to the target context
- successful cross-cultural communication requires
a shared understanding of reality or
'cultural conceptualisations'
illustration: 'cult' / inkolo (Xhosa)
- Due to differing cultural conceptualisations,
meaning can change through translation.

3) No objective way to measure what 'sound'
theology is: How context informs doctrine?
- How language/cultural contexts can lead to theological
positions different to those current in the West
Holding on to Western theology may lead to
dismissal or communicating what is regarded as
absurdities?

4) Languages other than English should be used in cross-
cultural communication w/o fears of compromising the
gospel.
Truth - an objective & timeless concept?
- understanding of truth as concept

John M. Ireland

Do we have to give up or compromise
Gospel truth?

- The message of the gospel is based on our own
interpretations.

Our understanding of the gospel

Truth needs to be communicated from an
'emic' perspective
- Deviations from Western theological convictions

In Latin American churches, the message of the gospel is often based on the local culture and context.

Will there be a Gospel in the future?

Discipleship is a process of becoming more like Jesus.

It is not called to be generous with ourselves: time & resources.

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Jerry M. Ireland

St. Basil has a unique approach of compassion
& salvation.

His Influences

Basil would challenge the rich to give
resources to the poor.
Basil came from a wealthy background &
practiced what he preached.

In Basil's Christian Ethics center that
Christians need to be based on principles
or 'ethics'

Basil living a Gospel Centered Life

Disciple ship requires self reflection.

We are called to be generous with ourselves: time,
& relational.

Joshua Meares

How Communication in the 21st Cent Impacts
Kingdom Work in Restricted-Access Countries

- Integral Mission Perspective

Communication for the Frontiers

Globalization & the Global Village

- Information is crossing linguistic borders

Uses of Media

- Reframe Narrative

- Conduct Surveillance

- Mobilize & Coordinate Supports

AI & Mission software that is capable of doing what
humans can do.

AI - What can they do?

• Identify Humans, map human connections, human beliefs & activities.

"Attention Economy" means you pay for your products

by selling your personal information & watching ads

instead of with money.

Attention Economy - may be

Coronavirus Pandemic -

- AI face mask & social distance tracking

- Contact tracing technology

AI can watch everyone simultaneously

AI's pattern

↳ This is detrimental for those who want to work in
restricted areas

Attention Economy

The Social Dilemma

The Christian NGO

Restricted access network is Not for Board marketing, but for narrow, offline appeals.

- No Photos
- Hire contextual workers through an intermediate agency with no Christian identity.
- Local Partners have to be Protected
- Invest in Paying for Email

Contextual Worker

- Opt out of attention Economy
- Pay for privacy focused communication services

Michael D. Crane

The Herald of Good News in Isaiah: ^{missiological implications}

Heralding Good News in the Old Testament

Israel's Use of Herald

- 40:9 - Zion/Jerusalem are heralds of good news to surrounding cities
- 41:27 - Jerusalem is given a herald of good news
- 52:7 - Good news to Jerusalem & then to the nations ^{1) Declaring the word of God, 2) singing in joyous response;}
- 60:6 - the nations become heralds ^{3) singing as God's redeemed people}
- 61:1 - servant & herald together

The messenger is not static. It is intended to pass from bearer of good news to recipient.

From city to cities to the world

- Jerusalem - drawing from the world
- Missional movement to & from Jerusalem
- Flow from one city to another

Conclusion: Six Insights for the Church

1. God Speaks (40:1) & declares his salvation.
2. The role of heralding the good news is intended to be transmittable.
3. God's people are called to declare good news internally & externally
 - Heraldizing good news within Judah & Israel is also missional engagement.

4. The imagery of the herald

Shin Young Kim ✓

Intercultural spiritual formation: a communicative process of being conformed into Christlikeness through being faithful to God's world & co-textualizing God's World.

Racism runs deep generationally but it is not challenged.

- Immigrants & refugees as an object that needs charity & dispersion
- Abhorrence on other ethnic & racial backgrounds.

Pro-Americanism in Cultural Cold War Media

- USIS films themes are about the superiority of American liberalism, democracy, & capitalism.
- They show that all fields of the United States are the better ways

Han Kyung-Chik's life & Sermons

Han's life & Sermons: Christianity, nationalism, & new civilization as pro-Americanism.

- Advisor of US military government
- translator of US missionaries

Relational Self Gen 1:26-27

• creation is a communal & communicative work of the Trinité

Dignity based on God - Respect bears of God's image
Image of God - IC as not communications techniques but a way of spiritual formation.

Co-textualization

Intercultural communication is a communicative process to be conformed into Christlikeness

Peter Ndaita

To become a Christian meant to give up African life

Christian music had to be Western; this is because African music is less superior

The Kikamba people worshiped everyday but they were suddenly told to worship only on Sunday.

The Kikamba formed their way of life around music + religion.

There were songs for mundane things such as work, celebrations, + death.

John Craft translated the book of Mark for them.

The Kikamba ^{music} is now available on Youtube.

Challenges

1. Celebrity : mediums of communication affect the message
2. Prosperity Gospel : gives mundanes — to gospel?

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