

1. Communication is the multi-faceted process of transforming information from the speaker to the listener.
2. There are many different aspects, contexts, and understandings of communication. It is not just limited by spoken words but facial expressions, body distance, body posture, movement, and gestures. They all play a significant role in creating interpretative meanings in communication. All these factors must be carefully considered in order to be the most effective communicators of our faith.
3. The topic of socio-linguistics was very interesting and intriguing to me. As someone who does have to be aware of different cultures in family, church, and work, it made me realize how subconsciously, I had to raise my awareness in the context of my surroundings and people and adjust my words and actions accordingly to it. The language I use is very much affected by social factors such as the setting, age, or social class and as someone who deals with English as a second language a lot, it asks an important question of incorporating the materials and conversation into social contexts to be a more effective communicator.
4. On the topic of socio-linguistics, I would like to see some data on how the effect of society has on the language itself. If the socio-linguistic is the study of language and how it's impacted by social factors, I wish the author would have given some more data on the impact instead of just describing an example of a Korean lady who had to use both languages depending on the situation.

Another question is on the topic of paralinguistics and how the physical sign of making "ok" or raising or lowering eyebrows means different things in a different culture. But, with the world becoming "smaller and smaller" with all the means of social media including YouTube and globalization of communication and interaction regardless of the culture or location, I wonder if the gap has been abridged to the point that it wouldn't have as much of meaning or impact from the days of Raymond Birdwhitell's study which was in 1900s.