

Evangelism in a Skeptical World

Week 6

Contextualization for Evangelism (Chapter 5)

Gospel and Culture

We need to be aware of how our culture effects how we read the bible, how we present the gospel, and how the gospel is received. We also need to be aware of how someone else's culture effects how they hear and understand the gospel.

We need to change the or gospel presentation based on the culture but never change the gospel that is presented.

- There are six aspects of the relationship between the gospel and culture
 1. The gospel is transcultural
 2. The gospel is encultured
 3. Our audience is encultured
 4. The gospel teller is enculturated
 5. There is no universal, decontextualized form of the gospel
 6. Every presentation of the gospel will over- or under- adapt

Summary

- We need to be educated in cultural hermeneutics
 - We need to be able to exegete
 - The Bible's culture
 - The culture we are seeking to reach
 - Our own culture