

Evangelism in a Skeptical World

Week 8

Gospel-Cultural Hermeneutics (Chapter 6)

Enter, Challenge, Fulfill

How can we enter the storyline of a culture?

Method 1, A six (6) step process to Enter, Challenge, and Fulfill.

1. Read the "text" on its terms and describe it (Enter)
2. Understand it (Enter)
3. Empathize with it (Enter)
4. Deconstruct it (Challenge)
5. How does the gospel answer this existential cry and storyline? (Fulfill)
6. Speak the gospel (Fulfill)

Method 2, The W-Spectrum

- W1: Workers show how Christ triumphs over the culture
 - "Your storyline is wrong, and you must reject it to follow Christ."
- W2: Workers show how Christ replaces the culture
 - "Your storyline is inferior and should be replaced by Christ."
- W3: Workers show how Christ transforms people in the culture
 - "Your storyline is good, but Christ can make it better."
- W4: Workers show how Christ completes their culture
 - "Your storyline is heading in the right direction, but you need Christ to fulfill it."

	W1	W2	W3	W4
Aim of the Evangelist	Oppose the culture's storyline.	Undermine the culture's storyline.	Retain and repurpose the culture's storyline.	Invite people to follow Jesus within their culture's storyline.
Gospel Message	"Your culture's storyline is wrong. You must reject your culture to follow Christ."	"Your culture's storyline is inferior. You must replace it with Christ."	"Your culture's storyline is good. But Christ can make it better."	"Your culture's storyline is heading in the right direction. But you need Christ to fulfill it."
Model of Christ	Christ triumphs over the culture's storyline.	Christ replaces the culture's storyline.	Christ transforms the culture's storyline.	Christ fulfills the culture's storyline.
Model of Sin	Transgression or rebellion	Idolatry	Brokenness	Falling short