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| SESSION ONE | The Theology of  Cross-Cultural Counselling and Discipleship: The Way We See the World |

**GENESIS 1-4**

**NORMALCY**

1. **Counsel Given in the Absence of Sin (Genesis 1-2)**
2. **The Deliberation of God within the Trinity (Genesis 1:26-27)**
   1. The phrase “Our image” (Gen 1:26) points to a divine plurality, while the phrase “His image” (Gen 1:27) shows the unity of the plurality in creation. This initiative by God to create humankind and instruct them regarding their delegated authority as representatives over His creation is not only overheard within the divine deliberation between the Godhead, but also communicated verbally to man.
3. **The Directive Counsel of God (Genesis 1:28-30)**
   1. The priority relationship communicated
      1. The imperatives are communicated.
      2. The delegated position of man.
      3. God personally evaluates.
      4. God instructs man to maintain this significant relationship.
      5. God bears the accompanying responsibility to provide abundantly.
      6. God communicates the boundaries within which man will operate.
      7. God’s directives are given.
   2. Preventative Counsel and Descriptive Counsel (Genesis 2:15-17)
      1. Descriptive counsel
      2. Preventative counsel
         1. Communicated prohibitions
         2. Preventative and directive counsel
         3. Instructs Adam to reject independent thought processes regarding man and his purpose.
         4. Results in judgment
      3. Preparatory Counsel (Genesis 2:18-20)
4. **Counsel is Given in the Presence of Sin**
   1. Adam receives Satanic counsel (Genesis 3:1-5).
      1. God uses speech to introduce Adam.
      2. Satan relies upon Adam’s God-given capacity.
   2. God does post-fall remedial and corrective counselling (Genesis 3:8-24).
      1. Remedial counsel
         1. God directs a rhetorical question to Adam.
         2. God provides opportunity for Adam and Eve’s admission of failure.
         3. God proclaims the beginning of a new order.
         4. God promises salvation.
         5. God’s counsel contains hope in the midst of this dilemma.
      2. Explanatory and preventative counsel (Genesis 4:1-16).
         1. Explanatory counsel
            1. Points to
            2. Is heart directed
            3. Seeks to give insight
      3. Preventative counsel

**PSALM 19**

**ESSENTIAL REVELATION FOR CROSS-CULTURAL COUNSELLING**

1. **Revelation Is Given in the Context of Sin**
2. **Regarding the First Part of Psalm 19: General Revelation**
3. **Regarding the Second Part of Psalm 19: Special Revelation**
4. **The Law Explains What Man Cannot Provide for himself**

**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**THE MANDATE FOR CROSS-CULTURAL BIBLICAL COUNSELLING**

1. **The Mandate for World-Wide Missions Was Given to Trained Men**
2. **The Mandate Was Given by Christ Who Successfully Ended His Earthly Ministry and Commenced His Heavenly Ministry**
3. **The Mandate Was Given by Christ Who in His Heavenly Ministry Labours Alongside His Apostles and Empowers Them for the Work He Began on Earth.**
4. **The Mandate Had a Manual That Jesus Gave His Disciples in Matthew 10, the Content of Five Great Sermons, as well as:**
5. **The Mandate Was Accompanied by a Promise of His Enduring Presence in the Activity of the Church on Earth.**
6. **The Mandate Was Not Exclusively Jewish but Inclusively Global**
7. **The Mandate Comes with a Clear Definition of Christianity as a Lifestyle of Missionary Faith That Does Discipling Work.**
8. **The Mandate Is Accomplished Through Him Who Has Sovereign Authority**
9. **The Mandate Centers Around the Teacher Who Is the Plan of God**
10. **The Mandate Required Obedience**
11. **The Mandate Given Is a Restorative Process of Discipleship**

**EPHESIANS 4:11-16**

**CORPORATE EQUIPPING FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY**

1. **Corporate Discipleship (Ephesians 4:11-12)**
2. **The Corporate Application of God’s Word for a Common Faith (Ephesians 4:13)**
3. **Corporate Maturity Through the Process of Discipleship**
4. **Corporate Preparation of the Saints for Ministry**
   1. The corporate “ministry” (*diakonia*) of all of God’s people
   2. The corporate “work” of ministry is reliant upon the ongoing training of saints to prepare them for ongoing service to others.
   3. The corporate ministry of “building up of the body of Christ” involves all believers.
   4. The corporate building up of saints is in line with God’s purposes.
   5. The corporate approach must replace the individualistic approach to discipleship.
   6. The corporate ministry of truth spoken in love.
   7. The corporate wisdom is a disciplined use of time.

**2 TIMOTHY 3**

**WORD-BASED PROCESS FOR CROSS-CULTURAL CHANGE**

1. **Change**
   1. Understand the “last days.”
   2. Endure seasons of difficulties for the church.
   3. Oppose the actions of evil men who make the discipleship work increasingly painful.
   4. Dare to be different for standing alone against the tide of evil.
   5. Patiently advance with “what you have learned” (2 Timothy 3:14).
   6. Demonstrate the unique discipleship relationship in which the Scriptures and the gospel play a central role.
2. **The Nature of Its Content**
3. **The Scope of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16)**
4. **The Origin of Scripture**
5. **The Usefulness of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16)**
   1. The teaching nature of Scripture
   2. The rebuking or reproving nature of Scripture
   3. The correcting nature of Scripture
   4. The training nature of Scripture
6. **The Outcome of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:17)**
7. **Conclusion**