**Cultural Factors in Discipling: Critiquing Cultures Together**



**Recommended Reading**

IV Press books can be found at www.ivpress.com

**On cultural differences**:

Storti, Craig: Figuring Foreigners Out: A Practical Guide.  Intercultural Press. 1999. *A self-instructional guide to cultural differences that is useful for people from all cultures. Good material on power distance and communication, face.*

Lane, Patty: A Beginners Guide to Crossing Cultures. IV Press.  2002. *Excellent introduction to cultural differences for North Americans: accessible but not simplistic. Good material on face and worldview.*

Elmer, Duane: Cross-Cultural Connections. InterVarsity Press.  2002. *Good material on honor/shame and straight and curved logic. See also Elmer’s Cross-Cultural Conflict.*

Hiebert, Paul G.: Transforming Worldviews: An Anthropological Understanding of How People Change. Baker Academic. 2008. *Reading this book is* *like taking a seminary class in worldview* *from a master; hard work but worth every minute*.

Muller, Roland: The Messenger, The Message and The Community: Three Critical Issues for the Cross-Cultural Church Planter. Canbooks, 2006. Excellent and thought-provoking material on guilt, shame and fear cultures and conversion in Muslim contexts.

Nisbett, Richard E.: The Geography of Thought: How Asians and Westerners Think Differently…and Why*.*  The Free Press, 2003. *Excellent material on thought patterns.*

**On reading Scripture:**

Richards, E. Randolph and Brandon J. O’Brien: Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes. InterVarsity Press.  2012 *Helps Westerners see how our culture impacts the ways we understand Scripture. Challenging and thorough.*

Bailey, Kenneth E.: The Cross and the Prodigal: Luke 15 Through the Eyes of Middle Eastern Peasants*.* InterVarsity Press, 2005. *Excellent material interpreting the text through an honor/shame perspective. See also Bailey’s other IVP books.*

**On discipling and spiritual formation:**

Foster, Richard: Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great  Traditions of the Christian Faith.  Harper Collins. 1998. *Presents ways of going deep in God from different times and places and thus alerts us to diverse spiritual disciplines that might be appropriate for different cultures.*

Ogden, Greg: Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ. IV Press. 2007 *An effective discipleship curriculum designed for groups of three. See also* *Transforming Discipleship :Making Disciples a Few at a Time (IVP, 2003).*

Choung, James: Real Life: A Christianity Worth Living Out. InterVarsity Press, 2012. *Bridges evangelism, discipling and leadership development with good understandings of today’s generation and past generations of students in North America.*

Smith, James Bryan. The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows. *A small group spiritual formation curriculum that involves practice of weekly disciplines with debriefing the following week. My church small group grew immensely from it and the two following volumes.*

Smith, Gordon T. : Beginning Well: Christian Conversion and Authentic Transformation. IVP, 2001. *Describes seven elements that comprise a full-orbed conversion.*

Willard, Dallas: The Divine Conspiracy (Harper SanFrancisco) and Renovation of the Heart (NavPress). *My favorite writer on spiritual formation/ discipleship.*

Entire May/June 2013 issue of Mission Frontiers; available online at www.missionfrontiers.org. *Discipleship in the context of church planting.*

Rawson, Martin and Wu**, I-DIG: An Introductory Small Group Discipleship Guide for International Students & Scholars (InterVarsity, 2013)**

**tiny.cc/idig**: *watch website for posting of motivational video for students*

