

The Gospel Through an Honor/Shame Lens

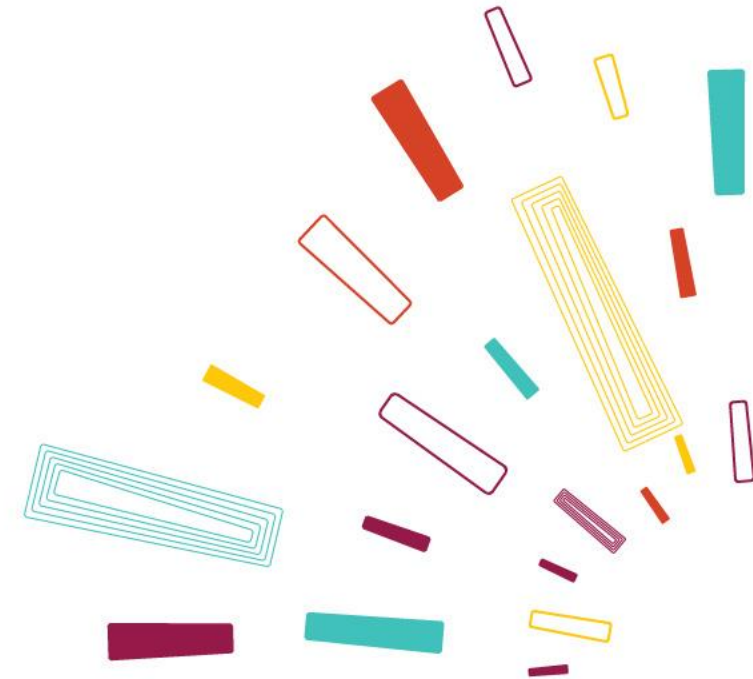
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While we settle in, ask your neighbor....

What is one highlight of Urbana so far?

Why did you choose this seminar?





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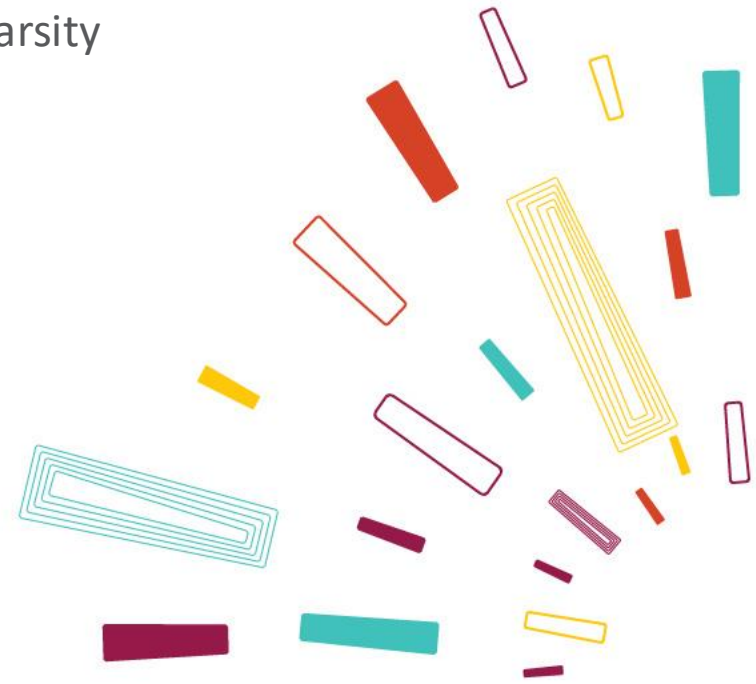
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How did you first hear the gospel?

*How does thinking cross-culturally impact
your life or work now?*





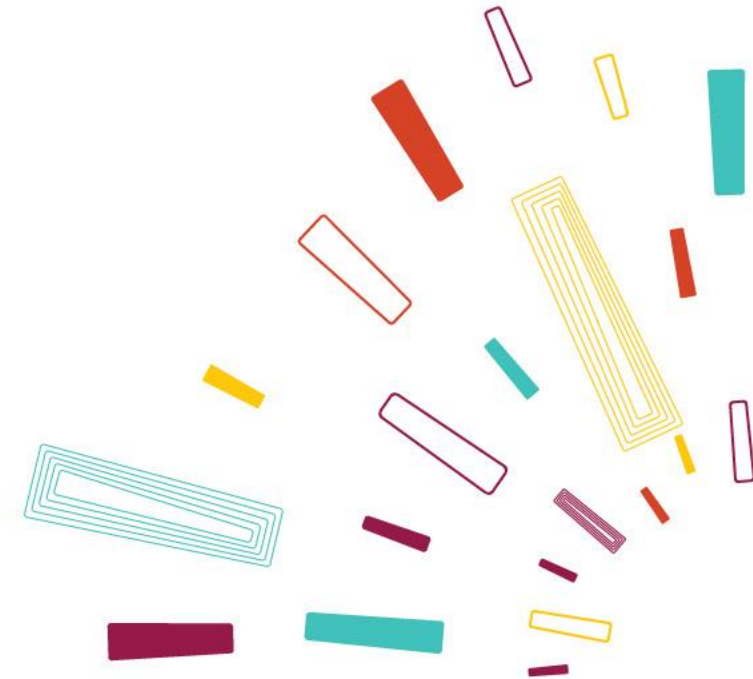
Genesis 1-2

So God created humankind in His own image,
in **the image of God** he created them;
male and female he created them. (1:27)

Rule (NIV) Govern (NLT) **all** living things.....” (1:28)

“..God commanded..., “you may freely eat of every tree of the garden;
but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...” (2:6-7a)

Adam and his wife were both **naked** and they felt **no shame**. (2:25)





Genesis 3

[Eve] took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband...
and he ate it, too. (6)

Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized they were naked;
so they... **made coverings** for themselves.” (7)

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God...walking in the garden
and they **hid** from the LORD God..... But the LORD God called to the man,
“Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was **afraid...**(8-10)

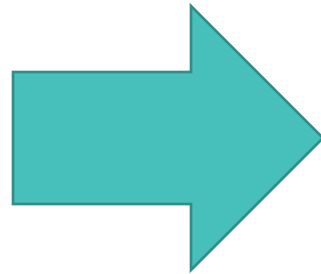
The man replied, “**It was the woman you gave me** who gave me the fruit,
and I ate it” (3:12)





3 Responses to sin (Genesis 3)

Guilt
Fear
Shame

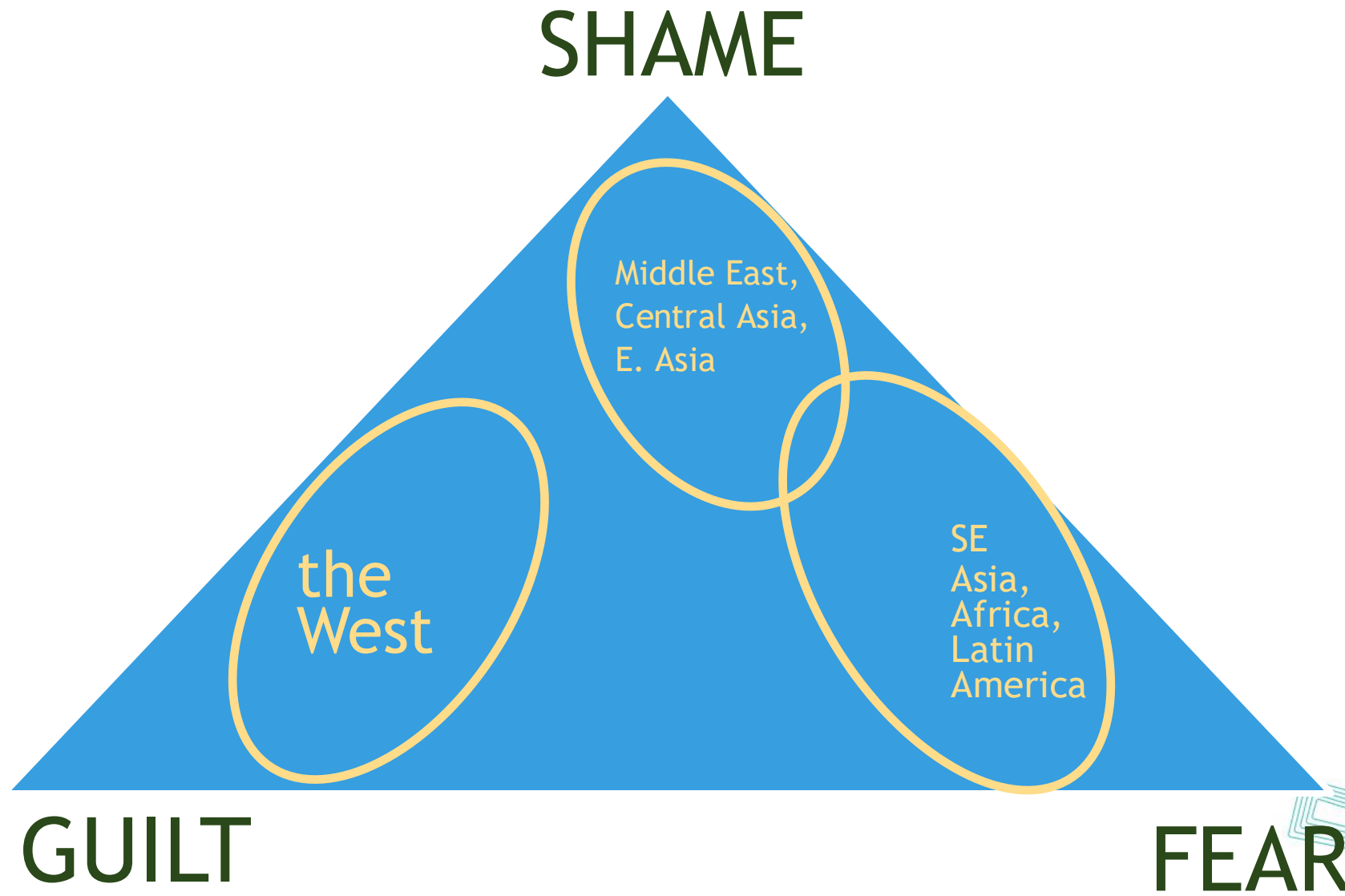


Foundation for 3 Types of Cultures:

Innocence/ Guilt
Power / Fear
Honor / Shame



	Guilt-Based Cultures	Shame-based Cultures
Normal defined by	Rules and laws	Relationships and Roles
Behavior guided by	Internal conscience	External Community
Core problem	“I made a mistake” (action)	“I am a mistake” (being)
Violations Affect	The transgressor	The group
Violator’s Response	Justify or apologize	Hide or cover
Way for Resolution	Forgiveness	Restoration



Adapted from The 3D Gospel, p. 16





Fishbowl #2

Where have you seen clashes with others due to differences in cultural frameworks?

What has resolution looked like?

“I believe a relationship with God is the opposite of feeling shame. I don’t think that God wants you to feel shameful and that everything is a bad thing.”

~ Hailey Bieber

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Appearance on IG or Tiktok, likes on Facebook

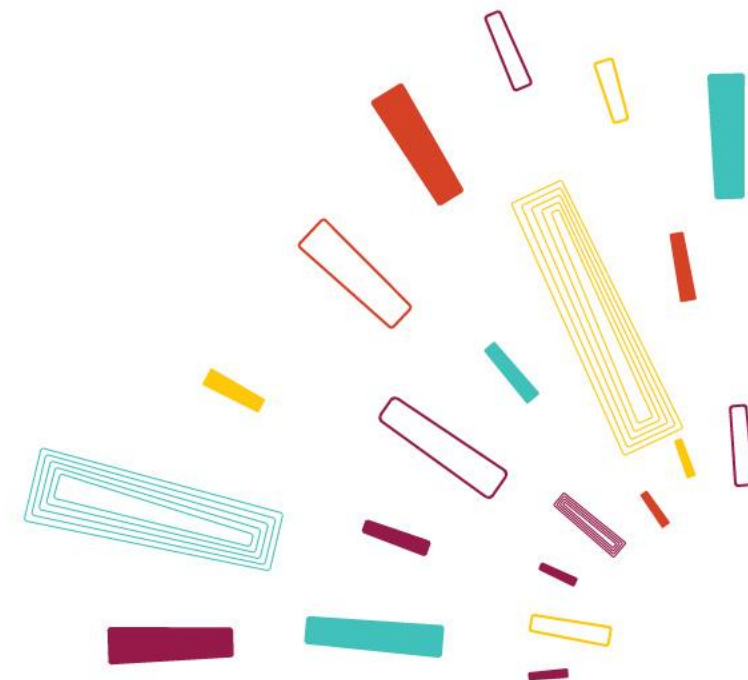
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(Rom 1:16)

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GODLY SHAME

Defined by God’s standards

Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all... So they will fall among the fallen...says the LORD. (both **Jer 6:15 + 8:12!**)

“... yet the unrighteous know no shame.” (Zephaniah 3:5)
“God gave them over to shameful lusts...” (Rom.1:26-32)

“Nothing impure will ever enter [the city of God], nor will anyone who does what is shameful...” (Rev 21:27)

Caused by awareness of our true sinfulness and rebellion

Then you will remember your ways & be ashamed... (Ez 16:61)

“We and...our ancestors are covered in shame, Lord, because we’ve sinned against you.” (Daniel 9:8)

Results in conviction of our shortcomings, repentance, and life

“Cover their faces with shame, Lord, so that they will seek Your name.” (Ps 83.16)

“Godly sorrow (distress MSG, sadness NET) brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. (2 Cor 7:10)

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<p>Defined by worldly standards</p> <p>Appearance on IG or Tiktok, likes on Facebook</p> <p>“I am not ashamed of the Gospel...” (Rom 1:16)</p>	<p>Defined by cultural standards</p> <p>(cultural "code of honor"), reflecting a mix of God’s standards and worldly standards</p>	<p>Defined by God’s standards</p>
<p>Caused by circumstances</p> <p>(race, class, victimization etc.)</p> <p>Racial discrimination, poverty, sexual assault, performance.</p>	<p>Caused by deviation from cultural norms and expectations</p>	<p>Caused by awareness of our true sinfulness and rebellion</p>
<p>Results in hiding, blaming & retaliation</p> <p>Bullying that leads to harming self (suicide) or others (mass shootings).</p>	<p>Results can be positive or negative</p>	<p>Results in conviction of our sin and shortcomings,</p> <p>and gratitude for God’s provision</p>



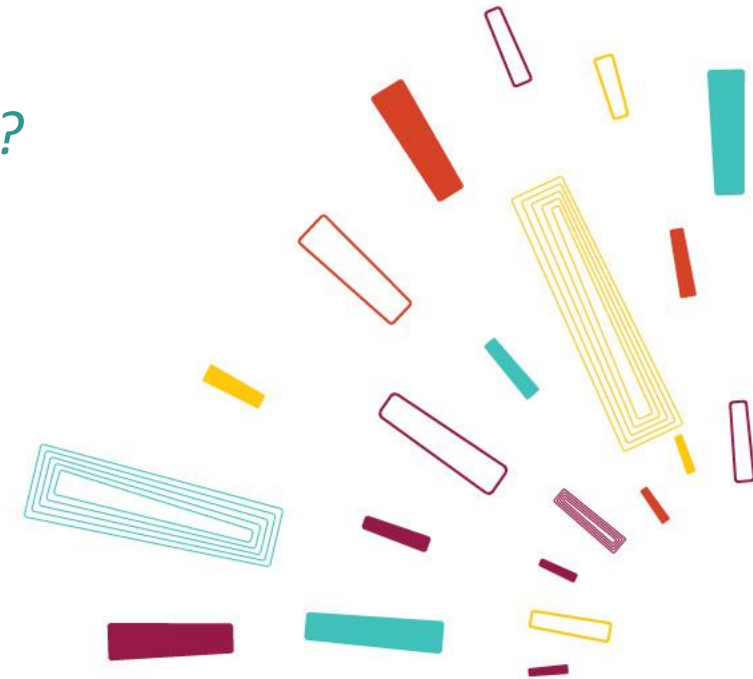


Fishbowl #3

How do we differentiate between different types of shame?

What does freedom from shame look like?

Where do we see examples of this in current events?





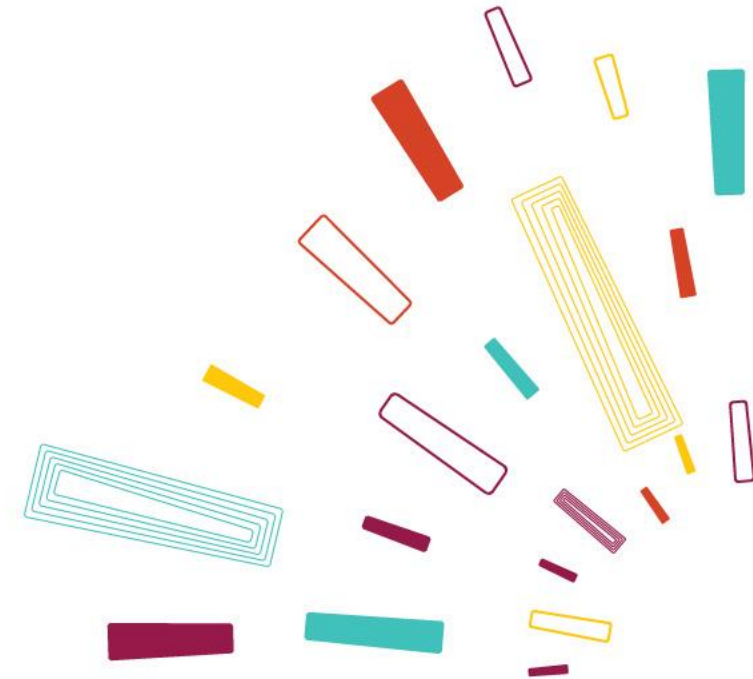
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Luke 15

Discuss in pairs or groups of 3:

- What are the dynamics and consequences of shame in this story? In our world?
- What do we learn about the Father?
- What is the “Good News” in this story?

Retelling of Luke 15 inspired by *The Cross and the Prodigal* by Kenneth Bailey, IVP
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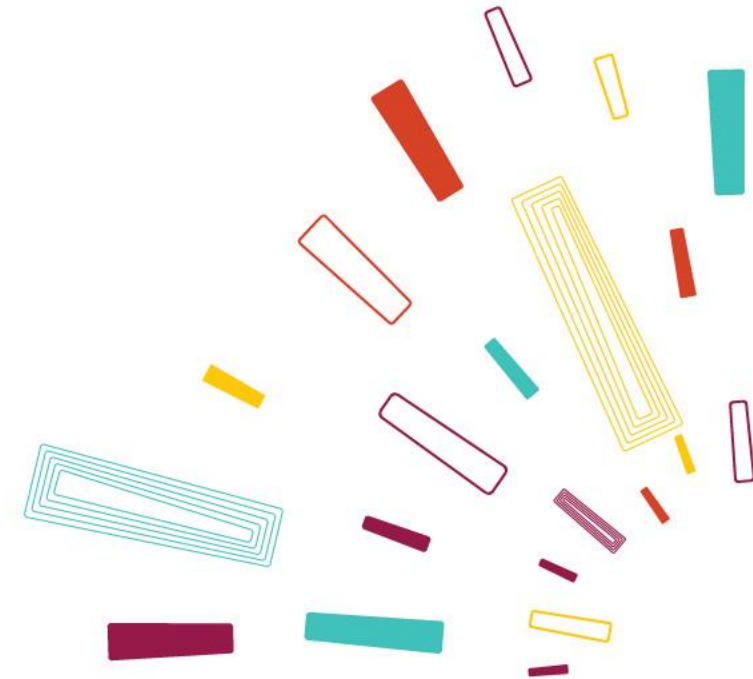




Fishbowl #4

How do you apply this in your ministry context?

How have you shared the Gospel?



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Additional Resources

Online Resources

- The Big Story through an Honor/Shame lens: <http://tiny.cc/honorshamegospel>
- Resource hub & culture test: www.honorshame.com

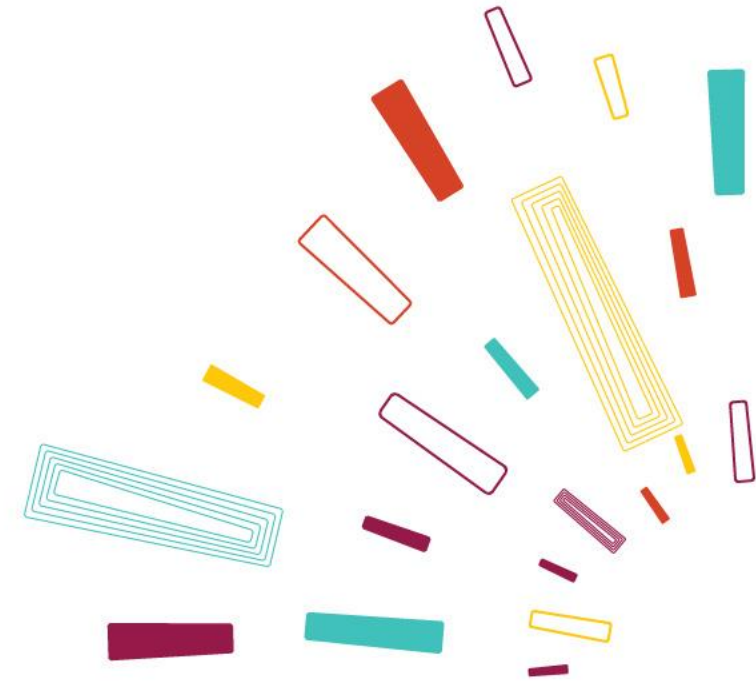
Books at the Urbana Bookstore

- Ministering in Honor-Shame Cultures, Jason Georges and Mark Baker
- Crossing Cultures with Jesus, Katie Rawson
- Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes, Brandon J O'Brien and E. Richards
- Seeking God's Face: Practical Reflections on Honor and Shame in Scripture, Jackson Wu & Ryan Jensen (not at bookstore)





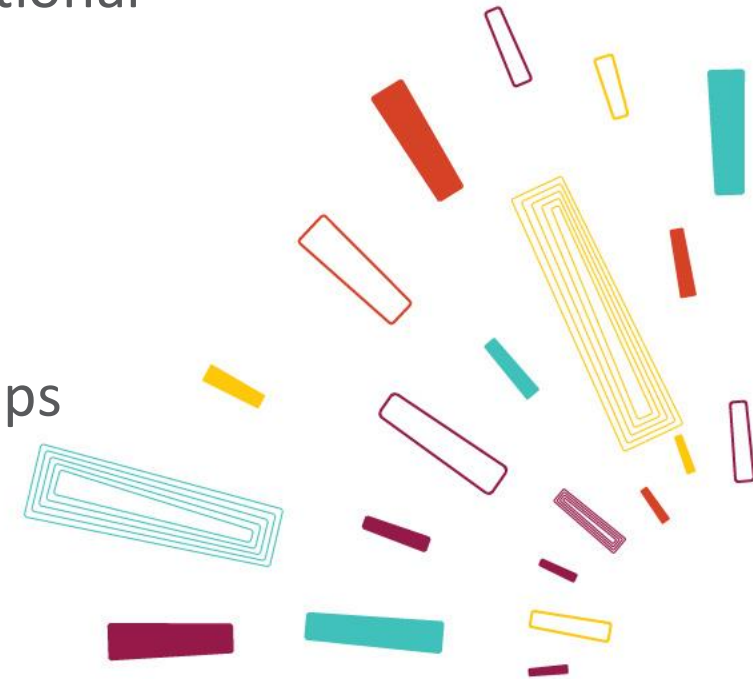
Q&A



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Stay Connected

- Visit **prayer ministry** to continue processing with God
- Visit the **Peace Feast Exhibit**, an example of how to apply honor
- Visit the **Global Student Hub** to learn more about international and multinational communities
- Email us with Questions:
 - Eva.glick@intervarsity.org
 - Taylor.straatmann@intervarsity.org
- Follow *@intervarsity.multinational* on Instagram for more tips and ways to connect



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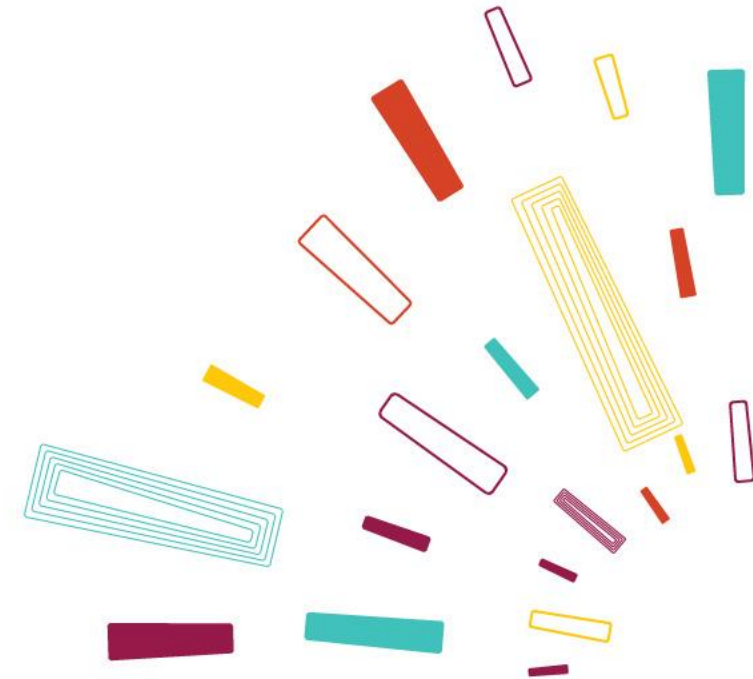
At Christmas,

God honors the human race by taking on human flesh.

The Sovereign Creator of the universe
humbles Himself to become a man.

The Incarnation

is shocking and even offensive to many,
but to Christ-followers, it shows the glory of God:
the gospel story opens with an act of honor.



The Crucifixion

seems shocking and even
impossible to most from the
Honor-Shame cultural background.

To Christ-followers, it shows the glory of a God who honors humankind by
dying for us.

In Revelation,

we see Jesus honored and shame defeated. Christ-followers are honored
to enter the City of God.

The gospel story ends with an act of honor.

~ Katie Rawson, Author of *Crossing Cultures With Jesus*

