

Ministering in a Guilt-Innocence, Honor-Shame or Fear-Power Culture

A Team Discussion Guide

As a learning activity for your team to complete together, spend some time discussing the following questions:

1. How does an understanding of three cultural lenses for viewing and salvation – guilt/innocence, honor/shame, and fear/power – aid us in being better Bible readers and understanders? What are some of your favorite Bible passages that express a key spiritual truth from one angle or from all three?
2. Which paradigm is most prevalent here in the context where we minister? Or is there a unique mixture? What are some stories from your experience that illustrate the culture?
3. What are some words or expressions of spiritual truth that seem to already exist here and which work well for communicating Christian truth?
4. How has a cultural understanding helped us adjust the way we go about doing our ministry?
5. What are some aspects of Christian life, faith, community and ministry that are most different feeling to us due to the fact of us being cultural outsiders?

To learn more, here are some resources you may want to explore:

Books:

-*The 3D Gospel: Ministry in Guilt, Shame, and Fear Cultures* by Jayson Georges

-*Ministering in Honor-Shame Cultures: Biblical Foundations and Practical Essentials* by Jayson Georges

-*Honor and Shame: Unlocking the Door* by Roland Muller

Websites:

www.honorshame.com

www.patheos.com/blogs/jacksonwu/

Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/n2XNoAFtqOw?rel=0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=DLQmgPT-xOU

Online Course:

Center for Intercultural Training's CIT Next online course Guilt, Shame, Fear... and Faith –

www.grow2serve.com/gsf