



Session #5: How to be a World Christian

**How to build bridges with people
of another culture**

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What is culture?

Culture is the integrated system of beliefs, values, and behaviors, and the institution that implements this. It is within culture that one gains a sense of identity and continuity which is almost impenetrable.

What is Done?

Behavior

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Values

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Worldview

Beliefs

Values

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What is a World View?

- One's World View is how one views the world

What is a World Christian?

A World Christian is a Christian who not only has an understanding and appreciation of one's own culture but also of other cultures where he/she has a burden to share the gospel.

Cross-Cultural Cautions

- **Ethnocentrism** – the natural tendency to judge the behavior of people in other cultures by the values and assumptions of self.

Communication Dynamics to be aware of:

How do people use space?

Body movements

Touch, eye contact, mode listening?

Learning language patterns

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- **Premature Judgments** – when judgment is placed upon another culture before taking the time to understand and appreciate the culture.

North American Indian Culture

- Tribe- or Family-based. Most decisions and beliefs made as a group
- Family unit is more often than not a matriarchy
- Strong sense of appreciation of nature, spirits, etc.
- Problem with teenage suicide, alcoholism, unemployment
 - Communicate without words
 - Sacred four