

Missions #2

Ascent

Winter Session, Lesson 7

Introduction

Review last week

This week: **Missions #2**

Definition of Culture

“Culture is the integrated system of beliefs, values, customs and institutions which bind a society together and give it a sense of identity, dignity, security and continuity.”

The Onion Model of Lloyd Kwast

The layer of behavior

The layer of values

The layer of beliefs

The layer of world view

Challenging issues of cross-cultural ministry

Missionary Life

The Missionary Family

Missionary Attrition (Burnout)

The Sending Process

Identification

Preparation

Application

Deputation

Departure

Language Study

Cross-cultural ministry

Home Assignments

Re-Entry

Current Issues in Missions

Adopt a People or a Region – People-group focus

Short Term Missions

Relief and development/holistic ministry

Use of finances – sending missionaries vs. supporting nationals

Prosperity Gospel

Islam – how to reach Muslims

Rise of third-world missionaries

Tentmaking/Business as Missions

Missions technology

Digging Deeper:

Global Media Outreach, <https://greatcommission2020.com> (real-time global map)

Al Mohler, <http://www.albertmohler.com/2014/02/10/christian-missions-in-the-third-millennium-3/>

Through Gates of Splendor, by Elizabeth Elliot (story of the Auca Indians)