

Future Faith

Challenge #3:
Seeing Through Non-Western Eyes
October 6, 2019



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Agenda

- Announcements, Attendance, & Prayer
- Activity: Challenge #2 (Embracing the Color of the Future)
- 3 Non-Western Lenses
- 3 Ways of Experiencing the World

Embracing the Color of the Future

Actor	Action
Individually and/or as Journeys/Boomers	Start Stop Continue
FPC Fort Worth	Start Stop Continue

Non-Western Lens #1: Individual & Community

Western	Non-Western
Individual is Primary	Community is Primary
Me	We

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How has the Western view influenced the way you approach living out your faith?

Non-Western Lens #2: Approaches to Knowledge

Western	Non-Western
Enlightenment/ Scientific Method	Legends / Rituals / Sacred Lived Experiences
Rational	Supernatural

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How has the Western view impacted the way you learn about and think about Christianity?

Non-Western Lens #3: Material & Spiritual Worlds

Western	Non-Western
Separate Worlds (Material & Spiritual)	Interconnected (Material & Spiritual)
Rational	Supernatural

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How has the Western view shaped the way you understand the miraculous (in the Bible and in personal experience)?

3 Ways of Experiencing the World: Seeing Through Non-Modern Lenses

<i>Defining</i>	Premodernism	Modernism	Postmodernism
<i>What is real?</i> (Metaphysics)	Realism: Super-naturalism	Realism: Naturalism	Antirealism
<i>How do I know?</i> (Epistemology)	Mysticism and/or faith	Objectivism: experience & reason	Social subjectivism
<i>What/who am I?</i> (Human Nature)	Original Sin Subject to God's will Dualism	<i>Tabula rasa</i> ; nature/nurture/choice combo Autonomy Integration	Social determinism Group conflict Reductionism
<i>How should I live?</i> (Ethics)	Collectivism: altruism	Individualism	Collectivism: egalitarianism
<i>How should we live?</i> (Politics and Economics)	Feudalism	Liberal capitalism	Socialism

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