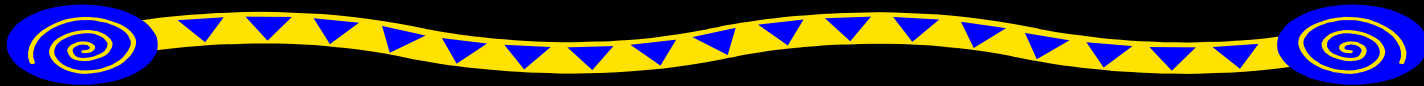


The Constants and Variables of a Contextualised Discipleship

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Identity and Identification



What do we need to take into account?

- Matter – content of being a disciple
- Manner – the way we are a disciple
- Mission – what we do as a disciple

What areas of life need to be dealt with in contextualised discipleship?

- Relationship with self – identity
- Relationship with God – spirituality
- Relationship with others – ethics, evangelism and ecology

What does this look like in different cultures?

Constants?

- *Respond to the Great Invitation* (Come to me – Matthew 11.25-30).
- *Make the Great Confession* (You are the Christ – Matthew 16.13-28).

Constants?

- *Obey the Great Commandment* (Love God & Love Neighbour – Matthew 22.34-40).
- *Fulfil the Great Commission* (Make Disciples of all Nations – Matthew 28.16-20).

Process of contextual discipleship in social change

- Rejection of old identity
- Accommodation of old identity
- Reestablishment of new identity

Willowbank Report (7.c.)

A proposed methodology for contextual discipleship

- Contextual Analysis
- Reading of the Gospel in the light of analysis
- Developing strategies in the light of Gospel