

Study Guide for “Understanding Honor and Shame” (video)

Review Questions

1. Before watching the video, answer this question, “When you hear the words honor and shame, what do you think of?”

2. What is the difference between shame and guilt?

3. What are two ways people gain honor and shame? Give examples.

4. God’s glory is not _____.

5. What are three basic characteristics of an honor-shame perspective? Explain each.

a.

b.

c.

6. Honor and shame are not unique to _____.

7. What are common honor-shame contexts in the West?

8. If we understand honor-shame we can better _____ and have a
_____.

Reflection Questions

1. Why do guilt, honor & shame each have an objective and subjective dimension?
2. Where do you see honor and shame most often expressed your home culture? the culture you live in?
3. What are two common things that define a person's identity?
4. What is meant by saying that traditional honor-shame cultures emphasize what is "standard"?
5. Why are honor-shame cultures often characterized as being practical or concerned with purity?

Response Questions

1. How have you see honor and shame influence your own life? Give examples.

2. Whether subtly or even overtly, how have you seen honor and shame influence your ministry or those with whom you work?

3. What apprehensions or reservations do you sometimes feel about using honor and shame within your ministry?

4. How much have you seen others incorporate an understanding of honor-shame shape the way they minister to others?

5. How might a better understanding of honor and shame improve your own character and life?

6. How might a better understanding of honor and shame improve your ministry and church?

7. How might honor-shame relate to other common cultural themes, like law, fear, and power?