

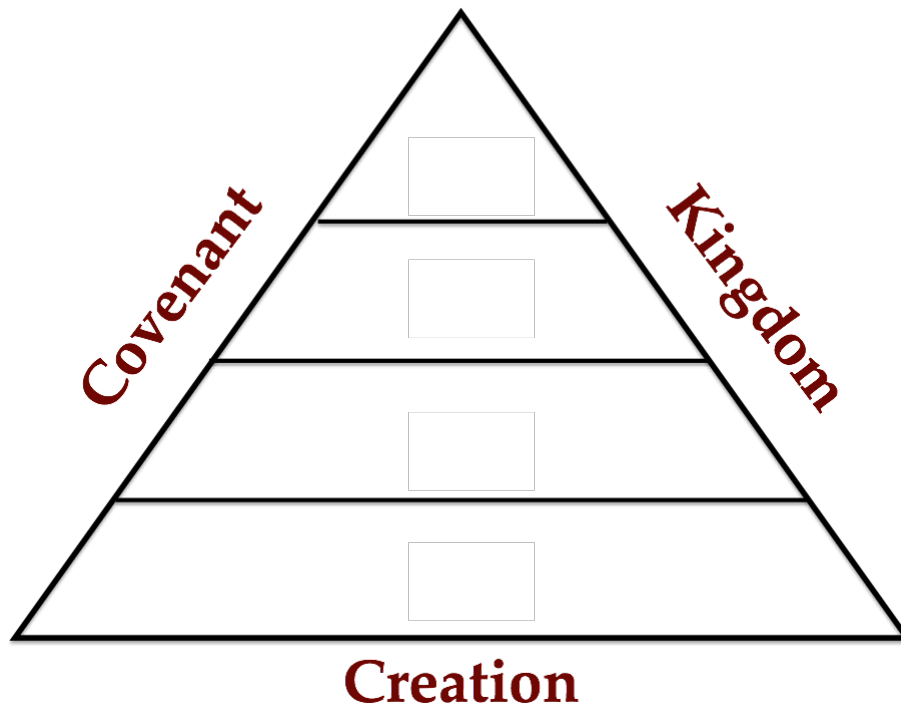
Study Guide: How does the Bible explain the gospel?
Session 3

EXPLAINING THE GOSPEL

Why is it a problem to “assume the gospel”?

When speaking about the “four fields” parable in Matthew 13, we typically focus on the types of soil. However, we rarely consider _____.

Explanation themes answer four questions. Complete the following diagram.



Why does the order of the above questions matter?

Which questions do we tend to highlight?

If we preach salvation, are we preaching the gospel? Why or why not?

Different approaches to theology can be compared to a “dot-to-dot” picture. The analogy illustrates 2 extreme ways of presenting biblical truths. What are they?

On the other hand, why can the “dot-to-dot” analogy help us understand the relationship between doctrines and the grand biblical Story?

HONOR AND SHAME

What are common misunderstandings of “honor and shame”?

What is the difference between shame and guilt?

What are two ways people might gain honor or shame?

Compared to guilt, honor & shame is more holistic, concerning _____;

“Guilt” is narrower--focusing on _____.

Contextualization is about _____, being able to see the world through someone else’s eyes.

What are a few examples of honor-shame cultures within Western culture?

An honor-shame perspective concerns at least three questions:

What is _____?

What is _____?

What is _____?

Honor-shame cultures tend to have what sort of cultural values?

In Stage Two, we interconnect the biblical themes with cultural themes. For Chinese culture, what themes and concepts belong on the diagram below?

