## Enter In To His Ways 9/7/24 Newport News

## **Opening/Introduction**

- -Don Richardson in 1962 with his wife Carol and 7 month old son were paddled up stream for the purpose of living among the Sawi people...who were isolated from the rest of the world, were head hunters and cannibals....
- -(tell story of Judas and then explain discovery of concept of "peace child")
  - -It was this cultural practice of a peace child that enabled the Sawi people to begin to understand the culture of God's Kingdom.
- -Enter In (talk about series)

### **Cultural Norms**

- -The New Testament World by Bruce Malina...
- -Cultural Norms
  - 1. **Perception:** (talk about view that all goods in life are limitless)
  - 2. **Feelings:** (video of a former president at a funeral...)
  - 3. **Actions:** (before Niger in 2009, men might hold your hand...)
  - 4. **Believing:** (we tend to be intolerant of opposition...)
  - 5. **Admiring:** (who people tend to admire is revealing...)
  - 6. **Striving:** (to achieve at expense of others...talk about my journey)

### -3 Questions

- 1. How are cultural norms learned...
- 2. What is intercultural intelligence...
- 3. Why are we talking about this today...

### The Great Migration

-my origin Culture...

- -God's Kingdom Culture...
- -Matthew 5-7
- -understanding of discipleship as a migration from one to the other
- -Matthew 15:21-28 (Jesus reflecting back to disciples their origin Culture)

Don Richardson used the origin culture of the Sawi people to understand Kingdom Culture and to eventually leave behind all the parts of their origin culture that were not compatible with Kingdom Culture...discipleship!

# **Compatible or Conflict**

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-Matthew 5:43-45a - feeling and acting cultural norms
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-John 15:12-13 – admiring cultural norm

-Acts 20:35 – admiring and believing cultural norms

#### Band

-Acts 9:2

-JESUS

God wants to use your life to spell JESUS to the world.

#### Close