

## **“City Evangelism through an Honor-Shame Framework: San Francisco edition”**



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### **San Francisco’s walkability and “bike-ability” opens conduits for evangelism across different faiths.**

Offering honor in these contexts have opened up unique interactive evangelistic contexts. Because **I offered a picture of what honor would look like for a gathering of interfaith worshippers**, I was given the honor of leading an interfaith liturgy for dozens of non-Christians from multiple faith communities across San Francisco.

- <https://kingdomrice.wordpress.com/2015/07/30/sharing-love-with-san-franciscos-interfaith-worshipping-communities/>
- <https://kingdomrice.wordpress.com/2016/06/07/the-rarely-told-story-of-how-sfs-congregations-have-helped-shape-san-francisco/>

No other context has taught me how to honor and “tolerate” others as Christ would.

“We must be able to value and love people as they are, whether or not we agree with their views or choices. Above all we are interested in their good and the goods that will contribute to their flourishing. If we only gather and discuss our views with those who agree with us on primary matters, then tolerance is never an issue. **Tolerance is only in play in the midst of discord.**” Willard, Dallas (2015-02-10). *The Allure of Gentleness: Defending the Faith in the Manner of Jesus* (Kindle Locations 184-190). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.

The relationships built through these have led to unique follow-up opportunities

- many follow up conversations; I’m often introduced as the “bike to worship” guy :)
- interfaith classes (which provided my youth group a great chance to share their faith)
  - <http://eepurl.com/b2vn2f>

### **San Francisco’s public gathering places and coffee shops invite great worldview interchange, healing, and evangelism**

- San Francisco’s coffee houses often present several oikoses in one space
  - <http://eepurl.com/Jzk5v>
- One time, after perhaps 10 hours of intentional world view dialogue, I invited an atheist friend to co-author a blog post with me, posted in both our respective blogs
  - [http://eepurl.com/bG\\_3Dn](http://eepurl.com/bG_3Dn)
- By simply being present, God opened up multiple opportunities to be Jesus’ acceptance to others
  - musicians
  - marginalized communities
  - Child-molestation witnesses



## An honor-shame framework fueled the most impactful evangelistic event I've ever thrown

An honor-shame framework of evangelism suggests a posture of vulnerability from which innovation, creativity, and redemption spring forth. Non-Christians experiencing such a framework WILL respond. Many of my 50 non-Christian guests (noted guests included 3 Indian families, many gays, and others very hurt by the "church") noted the event was the best Christian testimony ever. For some, it was their first experience of a "good time" w/o alcohol. :)



With the help of many friends with artistic talents, I threw an art show to communicate the redemptive transformational power of God through vulnerable story telling; i.e. it was a display of God's acceptance of my own life, an opportunity to risk new levels of "following Christ nakedly," unashamed, and trusting in my honored, beloved status before the Father.

- Letter describing my "honor-shame" storytelling: <http://eepurl.com/cOVJfD>
- Post describing the H/S reflections behind my story: <https://kingdomrice.wordpress.com/2016/08/02/the-gospel-the-ultimate-covering-for-our-shame/>

Both Christians and non-Christians shared that the most powerful part of the evening were 5 toasts given by those closest to me. (a powerful H/S tactic of course)

- <https://sites.google.com/site/stevefallingupward/spoken-word>

The Scripture that most informed this particular party were the following:

- [Luke 14:12-14](#), [Luke 16](#), [Esther](#)

The most powerful "reframing" of my own evangelism has been simply exposing my own vulnerability, and trusting in God's power to shun that shame.

Difficulties, Thresholds, & Discussion:

I invite you to further conversation with me:

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