

Setting the table

Objective

Our primary goal with this exercise is to have your small group help the class dig into and explore the ideas and resources under discussion in a given week.

Materials

Make sure you have all of the pieces you need, well in advance of the week for which your group is responsible.

- The Mitchell chapter
- any additional readings
- any video or other resources we're offering
- any additional materials that you find that are pertinent

Procedures

1. Read/view/explore everything that is required.
2. In conversation with one another identify where the weekly assignments interact with various elements of the three triangles: "interpreting and confessing the Gospel," "global media cultures," and "civil society."
3. Spend some time discussing the "questions to ponder" that we've put on the weekly note.
4. Craft -- together! - a short blog post that lays out your findings and publish it by Monday of the week assigned, by 8 am central time that day.
5. Keep in mind the following:
 - your blog post should be between 250 and 500 words
 - what is Mitchell's argument in relation to this genre of media?
 - what can/should "interpreting and confessing the Gospel" look like in this genre?
 - what ought communities of faith to keep in mind in engaging this media?
 - what are 2 or 3 key questions you want your colleagues to discuss with this material?