



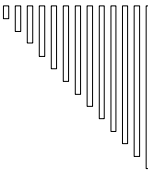
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THE SAMARITAN PARADIGM**


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The Samaritan Factor

- Hispanics in America parallel the Samaritan experience in John 4.
- Ecclesiastes 4:12
- Cord of Three Strands:
 - Culture
 - History
 - Religion




Characteristics of Hispanic Culture

- Collective Worldview
- Relationally Focused
- Concept of Time
- Family Centered
- Dignity
- Respeto
- Passion




Cultural Contrast

Euro-American	Hispanic
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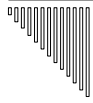
Relational Paradigm

- Hispanics tend to make significant life decisions in the context of an existing relationship built on trust.
- Relationships take time to build but become the foundation and natural network to reach Hispanics.



Resources to Consider

- Sherwood Lingenfelter and Marvin K. Mayers, Ministering Cross-Culturally
- Duane Elmer, Cross-Cultural Conflict
- Adeney, Bernard, Strange Virtues
- Manuel Ortiz, The Hispanic Challenge



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