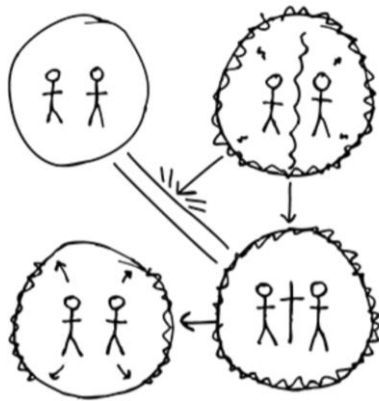


VIDEO 2:

Brokenness

THE FOUR CIRCLES



Beauty
Brokenness
 Redemption
 Restoration

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

Use this space to take down a few notes on things that stood out to you from the video.

NAME (in order of appearance)	NOTES
CHARLENE (Ghanaian)	
LEAH (Puerto Rican, Italian, Polish)	
CAROLINE (Malayali)	
SEAN (African American)	
KAITLIN (Chinese American)	
NOEMI (Mexican American)	
COURTLAND (Native American Lakota Tribe)	
TODD (German American)	
BRENT (African American)	
ANDREW (German, Scottish, Irish, English, Armenian)	
ELEANOR (Asian American, Filipino)	

BIBLICAL REFLECTION: Luke 4:14–30 [NIV]

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷ The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “I tell you the truth,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

IDENTIFYING BROKENNESS

Within every culture, there are places of both pain and shame. Although God designed our ethnicities for good, we are all broken. Let's explore this more.

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?"

Jeremiah 17:9

"They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious.

'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace."

Jeremiah 6:14

Uncovering and facing our brokenness is an act of courage. The path to healing begins with being honest with Jesus about the ways we've been hurt by others and the ways we have contributed to others' pain.

Identifying Feelings

Identifying how we think and feel about our ethnicity can help unlock areas of brokenness. Please circle 1-2 words below which describe the harder parts of your ethnic journey.

"When I think of my ethnic journey, I feel _____."

Confused

Embarrassed

Indifferent

Mistreated

Not enough

Angry

Sad

Misunderstood

Annoyed

Why do you think you are experiencing these emotions?

Mourning History

REFLECT:

Growing up, what did you hear that was bad about other ethnic groups?

What did you hear that was bad about other members of your own ethnic community?

DISCUSS: What part of our broken history bothers you the most? (Mexican American War, Colonialism, Slavery, recent history, etc.) Why?

Identifying Personal Hurt

DISCUSS: Describe a time that you really wished you were not part of your own ethnic group. Why?

Turning To Jesus

When you think of your ethnic group, what grieves you about what your people have done to others? _____

Where do you feel pain because of what has been done to you?

Jesus can handle our pain and shame. He invites us to bring our brokenness to the cross, where he has taken all the world's sin upon himself. Please bring a few of these areas of brokenness to Jesus. You can use the following prayer:

Jesus, our world is broken. My people and I are broken as well.
We have been hurt, and we have hurt others.

Forgive my people for contributing to the hurt by
_____.

Forgive me for contributing to the hurt,
both by what I have done and what I have failed to do.
I confess these judgments I have passed on others
and I confess my indifference: _____.

I choose to forgive those who have sinned against me personally.
I forgive _____ for _____
and release them from their debt against me.

They no longer owe me anything.
Anything I need for restoration I now ask for from you alone.
I choose to forgive those who have sinned against my people.
I forgive _____ for _____.

I pray Romans 12:19,

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;
for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'" (NRSV)

Help me forgive well. Help me trust you more. Help us find healing from
your cross. Amen.

ACTIVE RESPONSE

>>Pass It On.

Grab a friend and tell them about your experience of Luke 4 and the reflection on our brokenness. What are you learning about yourself and your people?

Stretch Goal – Reach Out.

Reflect on your chapter's engagement with different ethnic communities on campus. Who has not been welcomed to come to InterVarsity and experience the love of God? Identify a community that you can take a risk in reaching out to in the next week. A first step could be visiting a cultural center, attending the meeting of a cultural organization, or meeting with a leader of a cultural club or fraternity/sorority to hear what their experience has been like on campus.