

Shadows of the Neanderthal
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Stan Patterson: Review, ChMn 747

Stan speaks of his world in MO where he grew up in Hannibal, MO

A white world where he went thru a transition of mental model in 1969 with the MLK resistance.

Totally non-diverse community

Became a SDA Christian in 1973 and went to work in TX, CO, then call to NYC

Then walking among the people of Bronx...

Each of you share "a coming out" experience.

Identify the mental model...

First airplane flight to Andrews University for the summer with Gymnics

Paul: coming out was realizing with his new bride that you could celebrate Christmas, Easter, etc.

Joel's coming out was realizing from growing up as SDA that there were more than SDA in the world.

Denis coming out was to realize that you could have a society with women.

Hopeson's coming out was to realize that another African tribe could be elected to the hierarchical system as president/leader of Malawi SDA's

Florin's mental model was to realize that women are real and you can develop relationships with women in dating.

Gabriel's model: blacks

Steve: mental model that only Texas was the world.

Is it safe for SDA's to step outside the cave?

How important it is to reflect upon our mental models.

As leaders in the church it is important to challenge the models.

The pain of the celebration thing.

Why OK to have an African-American pastor to celebrate, but not a white pastor and church?