

OUTLINE  
**Postmodernism, Worship, and Evangelism**

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**A counter-intuition: Postmodernism as *opportunity***

**I. Mapping the Present: The Mixed Signals of “Late Modernity”**

- A. Postmodernity: our cultural milieu
  
- B. Postmodernism: a philosophical critique

**II. The Postmodern Critique as Opportunity to Remember**

- A. The paucity of postmodernity as an invitation to “more”
  
- B. Remembering who we are:
  - 1. Postmodernism’s critique of “thinking-thing”-ism
  
  - 2. Affectivity and embodiment: beyond “brains-on-a-stick”

Interlude: Visceral evangelism in *The Visitor*

**III. More than MTV: The Longings of Liturgical Animals**

- A. Worship *as* evangelism: The strangeness of liturgy as a “converting ordinance”
  
- B. Beyond the Emerging Church: From Eclecticism to Authority

For further reading:

James K.A. Smith, *Who’s Afraid of Postmodernism? Taking Derrida, Lyotard, and Foucault to Church*, Church and Postmodern Culture Series (Baker Academic, 2006).

James K.A. Smith, “The Logic of Incarnation: Towards a Catholic Postmodernism,” in *The Logic of Incarnation: James K.A. Smith’s Critique of Postmodern Religion*, eds. Neal DeRoo and Brian Lightbody (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2009): 3-40.

James K.A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation* (Baker Academic, 2009).

Robert Webber, *Ancient-Future Faith: Rethinking Evangelicalism for a Postmodern World* (Baker, 1999).

Robert Webber, *The Younger Evangelicals* (Baker, 2002).