



# ENGAGING WITH GOD AND THE GOSPEL CROSS-CULTURALLY

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**7:30 p.m. "Introducing and Discovering God's Mission Among the People of Other Cultures"** In this lecture we'll concentrate on the impacts of missionary reports in cross-cultural and diaspora contexts. As a case study, Jeyaraj will highlight the impact of the Propagation of the Gospel in the East on Lutherans in Germany, Anglicans in England, and Puritans and Congregationalists in New England.

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## SPEAKER BIO

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Jeyaraj is from Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu, South India. He holds two doctoral degrees – one from Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg in Germany and the other from University of Mumbai in India. He is the first Indian theologian to receive the dissertation-based postdoctoral teaching degree, Dr. Theol. Habil., from the faculty of Theology at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. He has written extensively on Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg (1682-1719), the first Lutheran missionary to South India. Jeyaraj is an ordained presbyter of the Diocese of Tirunelveli, Church of South India and a licensed minister within the Diocese of Liverpool, Church of England.

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