A New Way Forward for Asian American Theology

Why did you decide to write this book now?

Evangelical theology in the twenty-first century has become more conscious about the global horizon with all of its diversity and pluralism. Yet in some respects, evangelical hermeneutical sensibilities and methodological commitments militate against a revisioning of the evangelical theological enterprise in global context. This book insists that the time has come for such a revisioning and proposes to make a contribution to this contemporary evangelical theological task from a specifically Asian American perspective.

Why is it important for Asian Americans as well as non-Asian Americans to focus on this topic?

Asian American evangelicalism intertwines Asian, Asian American and American evangelical voices and concerns. Herein lies a test case for the formulation of a twenty-first century evangelical theology that is contextual through and through—debunking the myth once and for all that there is any non-contextual theology—but yet with global representation and aspirations. The argument explores how Asian American approaches perpetuate but yet have the potential to break through the bottleneck in American evangelical hermeneutics and theology; factors in how the broad socio-economic spectrum of the Asian American experience provides numerous vantage points for energizing evangelical theological reflection; and unfolds how the minority Asian American Pentecostal community has resources by which to revitalize the Asian American theological task in particular and the global evangelical conversation in general. In short, the work of Asian American evangelical theology is crucial, this volume urges, both for Asian American evangelicalism but also for the fortunes of the broader North American and global evangelical theological discussions.

What are some of the major points The Future of Evangelical Theology provides for readers?

1. An Asian American perspective is brought to bear on evangelical theology.
2. A critical analysis is provided for why evangelical theology in general has difficulty recognizing its contextual character.
3. A global evangelical theology is constructed from Asian American and Pentecostal resources.