



Becoming Aware of Your Own Culture

Goal: To understand how your own culture affects your worldview. *This is lesson 1 of 2 from the "Developing Leaders" category.*

Look Back:

- Discuss field activity: If you went to different places share about where you went and what the environment was like there. How did you feel to be praying in an area where you were perhaps the minority? What did God reveal to you? What was challenging about your prayer walk? What did you most enjoy?
- Homework review: Who did you share your testimony with and how did it go?
- Share stories of friendship.
- Pray

Look Up:

Watch "Becoming Aware of Your Own Culture" (16 minutes) and then discuss:

1. How have your friendships with internationals reflected mutuality in love and service?
2. Marc says, "Jesus left the comforts of his Father's side to enter our world, to know us, to be a human who experiences all that we do—and think how deeply that causes us to trust him, to grow deep in our relationship! Entering another's world is powerful in its communication of acceptance." Read **Philippians 2:5-11**. How can you be more Christlike in your humility?
3. Where have you experienced (or practiced!) paternalism in your engagement with others?
4. What are words, examples, phrases, etc. that are connected to how you understand the Gospel that might not resonate with someone from a different culture?

Give participants a few minutes to log into their account and answer the questions on the quiz.

Application question from the quiz section.

What is one thing you want to do this week to better understand your own culture and how it affects the way you do ministry?

Look Forward:

Open time for questions.

Prayer for those you shared your testimony with and that the Lord would use it in their lives. Pray that you would have a greater understanding of your own cultural background and how that affects the way you communicate and interact with others.

Homework:

Identify three to four ways the culture or cultures you grew up in affect your views of Christianity. Consider how your culture dictates your communication style both in general and in relationship to gospel topics.