



Entering Multiple Cultures

Goal: Gain a clear picture of how international ministry can look and implement new ways to effectively relate to people different from you. *This is lesson 2 of 2 from the "Understanding Worldviews" category.*

Look Back:

- Discuss how everyone embraced their ignorance. What did they learn? Did anything make them uncomfortable? Were they surprised by the experience?
- Share stories of friendship.
- Pray

Look Up:

Watch "Entering Multiple Cultures" (19 minutes) and then discuss (*these are the same questions from the discussion section of website*):

1. How are Americans/Canadians often perceived in other cultures? If you are from another culture, how are you often perceived?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**. From Denis's talk, what does it mean to be "stop sign headed"? How was Paul like a "stop sign headed" person?
3. What could prevent you from being a learner of diverse students' cultures this year
4. For the sake of the gospel, how will you, your team, or your small group strive to understand and engage these cultures and worldviews?

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

Application question from the quiz section.

What steps do you need to take to become a "stop sign headed" person as you reach out to others from various cultures?

Look Forward:

Open time for questions.

Explain field activity: Visiting a mosque, temple, or other house of worship outside of mainstream Christianity. Group can choose what location they want to visit from the places they learned about in the mapping activity.

Homework:

Choose a culture to learn more about. You can choose based on those you are already friends with or if you do not yet have established friendships you can choose based on what people group is more plentiful in your area. Think about how this people group is different from you. How is it similar? How might someone from this group of people want to hear about Christ? For help with this information you can visit the culturally specific lessons on EveryInternational. (The Understanding and Reaching videos.... Chinese, South Asians, Africans, Muslims, Hispanics...) Or you are free to research however you desire.