



Field Activity Two

Goal: To allow your discomfort and ignorance to turn into learning and growth.

Activity:

Explain field activity: Visiting a mosque, temple, or other house of worship outside of mainstream Christianity.

This activity will push you as the leader to step out and make a connection with a local place of worship.

Call ahead to plan a visit.

Tips for setting up a visit:

- Be sensitive that some might see you as a threat to their security
- “I have a group of friends and together we are learning about other cultures and religions. We would love to visit the (temple, mosque, etc.) to learn from people that have different viewpoints than us. Are you open to visitors?”
- If they respond favorably, ask what the best times are for you to come and if there is anything your group can do to help those that have come to worship feel comfortable with your presence.

Considerations before arrival:

- Respect the dress codes, remove shoes, cover hair, etc
- Does the leader want to be a guide or let you explore on your own?

Observe:

- How do people greet one another?
- How do they greet you, an outsider?
- Are men and women together or segregated?
- How do they pray?
 - In what physical position?
 - Corporately or alone?
 - With the lighting of candles or incense?
 - Silently or with their voices?
 - Repetitive or free form?
- What other sounds do you hear? Is their music, chanting?
- Are children present? Are they taking part in worship?
- What is the atmosphere like?

Engage:

Talk with some of the people there. Ask them to explain to you some of the things you observed.