



Hosting Students for the Holidays

Goal: Understand the strategic opportunity to share Jesus's love during the holidays. Gain clear ideas from preparation to follow up. *This is lesson 1 of 2 from the "Befriending Internationals" category.*

Look Back:

- Discuss field activity. What made you uncomfortable when you visited the mosque/temple/shrine? What surprised you? What did you learn? How will it change the way you approach/connect with people with this religious background?
- Homework review: What culture did you choose to learn about and what stuck out to you most from what you learned?
- Share stories of friendship.
- Pray

Look Up:

Watch "Hosting Students for the Holidays" (14 minutes) and then discuss:

1. Blake shares Ting's story about her first Thanksgiving in America. What stood out to you about her experience?
2. Read **Genesis 18:1-8**. What can you learn about hospitality from this passage?
3. What is most difficult for you about the idea of "biblical hospitality"?
4. Blake poses the question, "What would be the Kingdom impact, if families from every Gospel-centered church near a university campus participated in hosting internationals during the holidays?" How would you answer him?

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 the first thing you personally need to do in order to host an international for the next holiday? (i.e. talk to your family, find a program, invite a friend you already have, etc.)

Look Forward:

Open time for questions.

Pray for humility to learn from your friends and for opportunities to meet new friends and deepen relationships with current ones.

Homework:

[Interview international friends](#) to find their greatest needs. The answers you discover will be used next week to plan the upcoming field activity. *Download the interview document and either print a copy for everyone or send it to them digitally.*