

Core Seminars – Christian Growth
Missions: Doing missions from here at home.
Week 10 – February 3, 2008

How can we be involved in cross-cultural evangelism here?

1. Why Get Involved?
 - a. Scripture
 - i. Matthew 28:18-20
 - ii. Acts 1:8
 - iii. Luke 10:25-37
 - b. Our ministry to internationals here says a lot about what our ministry overseas
 - c. The possibilities! Taking the Gospel back home.
2. Who's here? What opportunities do we have?
 - a. Homework review: who did we meet? (nations, languages)
 - b. Where did we meet these people? Where else might we meet them?
3. **How do we get started reaching out to internationals?**
 - a. Initiating conversations are easier than you might think
 - b. Some tips

- i. Consider places that you would be willing to go to on a regular basis as part of your routine
- ii. Get others from the church involved over time
- iii. Leave room in your schedule to meet and get to know internationals
- iv. Don't expect every initiated relationship to turn deep. People aren't projects!
- v. Be open about your sins
- vi. Show them your family, your church, your friends
- vii. Show a willingness to learn about them, their beliefs, their family, their history, etc.
- viii. Don't be afraid to talk about Jesus
- ix. Beware of heated debates
- x. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel and for your friends' salvation

4. Reach out as a church

- a. Get to know members of CHBC from different cultural backgrounds
- b. Get discipled by others who are more comfortable reaching out to internationals
- c. Get members of the opposite gender involved
- d. Limited in time? Get others involved!
- e. Get others to pray and involve them in social events

5. Preparing ourselves for ministry to internationals

- a. Know the Gospel
- b. Build a vision for "all nations"
- c.
- d. Read the international section of the newspaper

- e. Learn about your friend's country
- f. Talk to others at church and research about your friend's culture and religion

6. Specific Opportunities

- a. Church ministries
 - i. ESOL (Kyle Mayes)
 - ii. International Students, Inc. (Pamela Allen)
 - iii. Friendship Partners (Nathan Lindsey)
 - iv. College Ministry (David Verhey)
 - v. Friday Night Evangelism at Howard U (Shannon Williams)
 - vi. Hosting opportunities for visiting internationals (International Link, Andy Johnson)
- b. Other opportunities
 - i. Help new families in your neighborhood and schools
 - ii. Talk to the people that serve you in stores and restaurants
 - iii. Talk to co-workers
 - iv. Learn a language - find a language tutor

7. Conclusion

- a. Many ways to get involved, so start here!
- b. Look for fruitfulness at home first
- c. Be deliberate and strategic
- d. Involve others
- e. Pray!