

PCPC International Student Seminar Handout

Three grids: Hospitality, Worship, Service

The hospitality of the Church

- Deuteronomy 10:18-19; Leviticus 19:33-34; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8
- Hospitality = Key to 21st Century Evangelism (Steve Childers)
- The vast majority of international students never get invited into the home of an American
- Hospitality: A missed opportunity
<http://www.businessinsider.com/does-it-matter-if-irans-leaders-are-us-educated-2014-10#ixzz3fEd8H500>
- Incorporate international students into the ordinary spaces of your life.

Initial Relationship Building Topics

- Learn their name
- Learn about their studies
- Learn about their hobbies, interests and passions
- Learn about their families
- Learn about their hometown. What is it known for (food, customs, industry)?
- Learn about their culture

The Worship of the Church

- Many students want to visit church. It may start as a cultural curiosity, but many times turns into more as they hear the preaching of the word and are in the presence of people worshipping the Lord Jesus.
- Prior to the service:
 - Explain why we gather together as the Body of Christ to worship each week
 - Explain Who it is that we are worshipping
 - If possible, arrive early to look together at the bulletin and talk through the Order of Worship. It is difficult to follow for an unchurched person, especially when it's not in their native language. Yet, you'll find such a clear depiction of the gospel as you follow the Order of Worship
- Following the Service:
 - Introduce them to others
 - Invite them to a Sunday Morning Community.
 - Share a meal with them
 - Allow time for questions. What did they not understand? What moved them? What do they believe about what was said and was preached?
 - If you sense the Lord working in their heart, follow up at some point during the week – don't delay

The Service of the Church

- For some students, this is a great thing to invite them into. It's a chance for them to get their hands dirty with us.
- There is some commonality with other religions. Service is a part of many religions.
- This is a chance for them to see the motivation from where our service flows
 - We do not serve in order to gain favor with God
 - We serve out of a sense of gratitude for the grace that we have been shown in Jesus
- Talking points with students before, during or after a service opportunity
 - Is serving others a good thing? Why?
 - Why do you think most people get involved in community service?
 - Is serving others revered or frowned upon in your culture?
 - What compels most religious people to serve others?
 - Why do you think Christians value serving others? What motivates Christians to serve?