

Reaching International Students

Notes to assist in viewing Lisa Espineli Chinn's video on *Reaching International Students*.

Lord, please speak through this message a word from you that will penetrate our hearts and make us different. Lord, thank you that you love us so much that you have made us a part of your plan and that you are bringing the nations to us. Thank you that you long for ALL to know you deeply. We ask this through your precious Son's name. Amen.

Scriptures on why we should engage in international student ministry (ISM)

For God's sake

• **Revelation 5:9:** *"And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.'"*

For the sake of international students

• **Leviticus 19:33-34:** *"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."*

For our own sakes

• **Deuteronomy 10:19, 22** *"And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky."*

Questions to explore

- What surprised you about Lisa's talk?
- What impact did Lisa Chinn's description of how many former international students are now top leaders in their home countries have on your perspective of the importance of ISM? Osama Bin Laden was an international student in his youth. Consider how the world might be different if he had become a Christian through ISM.
- How does knowing that the majority of international students in the U.S. are coming from countries to which we can't easily send missionaries motivate you to get involved in ISM?
- The story of St. Matthew's in rural Ft. Motte, SC, is inspiring, but your setting may be very different. Discuss ways that you feel that your parish could effectively reach international students in your context.
- Lisa's closing lines are: *"The world is here! Is your door open?"* How would you answer her question personally?

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