

ISM Vision Casting – Engaging churches and volunteers

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I. The Importance of Sharing the Vision

1. God is calling more workers into the harvest field of international students.
2. How will they hear unless someone shares the vision/opportunity with them?
3. Who better to share the vision than those who are involved in serving internationals?

II. The 2 basic components of sharing the vision: Scripture and Stories

1. Scripture
 - a. Scripture teaches by direct command the importance of welcoming internationals (strangers).
 - Hebrews 13:2
 - Romans 12:13
 - 1 Peter 4:9
 - Leviticus 19:33-34
 - Deuteronomy 10:18
 - b. Which scripture(s) would you choose to encourage others about God's heart for internationals
2. Scriptures gives us helpful Illustrations of welcoming strangers.
 - Abraham and the 3 visitors. Gen. 18
 - Elijah and the widow. I Kings 17
 - Elisha and Shunamite woman. 2 Kings 17
 - Job (31:32)
 - Maltese and Paul. Acts 28:2
 - Martha and Mary. Luke 10
 - Disciples on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:29
 - Laban and Abraham's servant. Gen. 24
 - The Pharisees with Jesus. Luke 7, 11, 14
 - Rehab and the Spies. Joshua 2:1-16
3. Scripture gives special instruction to church leaders to welcome strangers.
 - Titus 1:8
 - I Timothy 3:2
4. Scripture gives specific stories of Internationals who became part of God's redemptive plan.
 - a. Old Testament
 - Abraham
 - Joseph
 - Moses
 - Nehemiah
 - Ruth
 - Daniel
 - The nation of Israel

Notes:

- b. New Testament
 - The visitors on the Day of Pentecost
 - The Ethiopian eunuch
 - Cornelius
 - Paul the Apostle
 - Lydia
 - Aquilla and Priscilla
 - Jesus

5. Stories

- From IFI's ministry
- From History
- From your own life

III. Presentation Aids

- Videos
- Drama
- Power Point
- Brochures

IV. Crafting your presentation according to your situation

1. Length:

- 1 minute presentations
- 2 minute presentations
- 10 minute presentations
- 20 minute presentation

2. Format:

- Begin with an attention grabbing statement or question.
- Share persuasively.
- Make your point clear.
- End with a specific challenge.

3. Practice: prepare either a 2 or 5 minute presentation based on Scripture or Story that you can share with the group.

4. 20-45 minute presentations

- Overview of the Role of Internationals in the Bible
- Talks on God's love for the Stranger
 - Hebrews 13:2
 - Matthew 25:35
- Talks from the Book of Acts
 - Acts 8 "Reaching the World that has come to Us"
 - Acts 10: "Do you need a special Vision from God"
 - Acts 16: "Internationals as Church Planters"
 - Acts 9: "The World's Best Missionaries"

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