

# Genuine Friendships

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# Goal

To explore ways to deepen our friendships with our international friends, by initiating and engaging in spiritual conversations in culturally sensitive and appropriate ways



Share your experience so far in  
developing relationships and engaging  
in spiritual conversations with your  
international friends

# What questions do you have?






# Myths of engaging in spiritual conversations







# Four proven & practical tips

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1. Be a Blessing
  2. Be a Learner
  3. Be a Trader
  4. Be a Storyteller







# 1. Be a Blessing



How?

- Acknowledge
- Bless
- Whisper words of greatness



## 2. Be a Learner



How?

- Ask questions
- Learn to say your friend's entire name correctly
- Be present for and with your friend
- Learn to receive
- Read news about the student's country
- Look for bridges to the Gospel in their cultural context – Acts 17: 16-31

# China's digital dictatorship





# Kashmir under lockdown



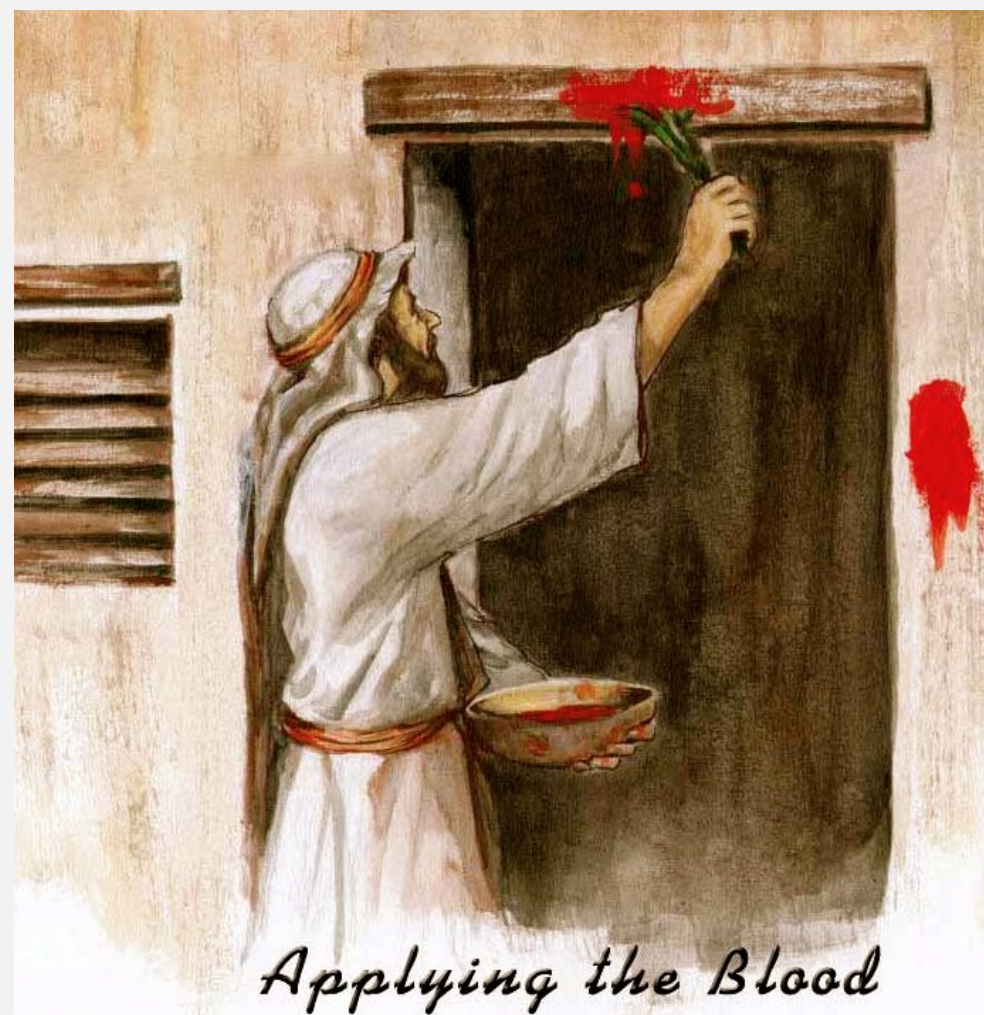
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## 3. Be a Trader



How?

- Take risks – 1 Peter 3:15
- Tool: Perspective Card Game (Cru)
  - Meaning and purpose of life
  - Nature of God
  - Human nature
  - Jesus
  - Source of Spiritual truth

# Perspective Card Game

“I’m trying to gain a better understanding of people’s thoughts on the meaning and purpose of life, the nature of God, and things like that. I have some cards here. All you have to do is select the cards that best represent what you believe, and I’ll get your thoughts on them. Would you be willing to tell me which cards reflect your views?”



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# Perspective Card Game

“I really appreciate hearing your views. We each have a unique perspective, and what we believe influences our lives tremendously. Would you mind listening to what I believe from these cards? I’d love to hear your thoughts on them.”



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## 4. Be a Storyteller



How?

- Tell your own story
- Tell Bible stories
  - The Father's Love (Luke 15:11-32)

*Who will have their honor restored?*

# The Father's Love



*A story told  
by Jesus Christ  
Luke 15:11–32*



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# Role Play/Testimony



Share with someone:  
Who are you developing a friendship  
with now and which of the four  
principles will you apply?