

Discussion Questions
Faithful Presence in Cross Cultural Situations
Week Four, September 5, 2010

PROMOTE DISCUSSION:

1. Have you ever been a “faithful presence” in another culture? How? What was the outcome?

CONCEPT: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

2. How has crossing cultures been a legacy of the church in recent history? Are cross cultural pursuits important today? Why?
3. What are the biggest hindrances to us doing this today? Do you think we are disobedient if we don't do this? Why?

EXAMPLE: Luke 5:27-32; 7:34; 15:1-2; Luke 19:1-11

4. What steps did Jesus take in order to successfully cross cultures? How did others react when He spent time with people from other cultures? What was His ultimate goal?
5. Have you ever been misunderstood for spending time with those from another culture? What happened as a result? Would criticism stop your efforts? Why or why not?

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

6. Is God drawing you toward a particular culture? What are the characteristics of that culture? How do you know he is leading you to do this?
7. Where are people experiencing pain in that culture? What steps will you take to build trust with those particular people? Who are the magnet people there and how will you pray for them?
8. What are you willing to sacrifice in order to cross into that culture? How will the principles you are learning in the “Faithful Presence” study equip you to cross cultures?