

CHRISTIANS AT THE BORDER

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Immigration is a hot topic. A recent study revealed that only 12 percent of Christians base their view of immigration on the Bible. It can be really easy to form opinions based on politics or public opinion with Scripture becoming an afterthought. So how does the truth of the Bible guide your thinking in this area?

From Genesis to Revelation, we find information that may help us look at this subject with new perspective and understanding.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read 1 Peter 2:11 in context. What is God telling us about how we are to live our lives in this society?
- Read Genesis 1:28. What if God considered migration as a way to "increase in number" and "fill the earth"? How does the story of Scripture help us understand that each person on the move has value before God?
- Why should we love those we consider foreigners and aliens? Explore Deuteronomy 10:17-19 for clues.
- Matthew 28:18-20 tells us to "go into all the world." What does this look like for followers of Christ? How can you "go into all the world" and not even leave your community?
- What questions usually prompt discussion about our worship experience on a Sunday morning? We may ask things like, "Did you like the music today?" or "Why did they let that person speak?" It's all about us! Look at Amos 4:4-5 to see where the Israelites went wrong. Where do we go wrong?



CHALLENGE

Explore the book of Ruth this week. How did the journey of Ruth and Naomi show a hope and foundation built on a relationship with God? How might this story be reflected in real lives today?



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt"
(Deuteronomy 10: 17-19).



PRAYER

Lord, help me not to segregate against others, a practice that goes against Your love for all people. Help me to change a pattern of thinking based on political agendas, social outcry, or just discomfort about those who are different. Change my heart and my perspective based on the truth and guidance of Your Word, the Bible.
In Jesus's name, Amen.