

Series: Seeing Beyond Ourselves

Title: Welcoming the Stranger

Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Leviticus 19:33-34, Hebrews 13:1-3

Accountability: Share about any ways you applied lessons from the previous week/meeting.

Conversation Starter: Have you ever been a stranger to a new city or community? How was your experience?

Synopsis: God has a heart for foreigners, and He calls for us to respond to them with a welcoming and compassionate heart. Scripture is littered with examples of people that have been forcibly displaced and God's heart towards those in vulnerable positions. With over 110 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, God is calling His people to respond with love. World Relief envisions every refugee and immigrant to be welcomed by community, rooted in community, and empowered for community. We can respond to the call through various means of being advocates and learning, volunteering and donating.

Dig: Read Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Leviticus 19:33-34, Hebrews 13:1-3

1. What do these passages say about compassion and welcoming the stranger?
2. Do you find anything challenging in these passages? Why?
3. How do God and Jesus model caring for foreigners?
4. Why do we find actually doing something a struggle?
5. Share some ways in which you have responded to the needs of foreigners and/or strangers. How have your ideas, actions, or convictions changed over time?

Application:

1. What's the biggest takeaway from this message that you didn't know before concerning refugees and asylees?
2. Are there any personal roadblocks to volunteering and/or donating to organizations like World Relief?
3. What is one thing you will do in response to this message and discussion?