

Video Introduction to Additional Material

As you begin

Introduce yourself and tell the most exotic food you have ever eaten. Where did your family come from? (From where is your heritage?) Why are you in this class? What are you hoping to gain from being here?

Watch the video

Time: 4:21 Greg Swinney: Crossroads International Student Ministry

Talk it over

What colleges are near you? Are there international students at the college?

How could you find out? Do you know if there are any refugees in your area? If you don't know, do you know where you might find out?

Next steps

Get on Rise.com and explore what is available. Here are a few things to look for:

- *Be.coming.us is a strategic byline. Why would such a phrase fit an organization like RISE? (Find the answer in the blue "you can do something simple today" section.)
 - *Google how large your town/city is (if you don't know already). Now go to the "Refugee

Journey" - how does the number of people in your city compare to the number of people who flee their homes <u>every day</u>. How many days would it take to make up the population of your city?

- *Click on the orange "Find out more today" button in the white area with International Students. As you scroll down, what does the acronym PARTNER stand for?
- *Now go back to the main menu and scroll to the Refugee Journey and click on the blue "Find out more." Scroll down— How many unaccompanied children sought asylum in 2016? Keep scrolling to the International Association for Refugees. Download the PDF of "Refugees in the Bible." How many folks in the Bible were considered refugees? Any people surprise you?

Prayer points

Pray about the upcoming sessions and ask God show you the next steps in your journey.

Pray for the international students in the U.S. Pray that each of them can feel the love of our Father as they study here.

Similarly, pray for the refugees in the U.S. and around the world. Pray for their healing and their loss. Pray for those who have been displaced because of their faith.

Rise up for next week

If you didn't find out about the potential of international students and refugees in your area, continue to do that this week.

