



RISE International Student Video Session #5 When Spiritual Conversations Arise

As you begin

We talk about the weather, sports, favorite restaurants and family. Why do you think it is sometimes difficult for us to talk about spiritual matters of the heart?

When was the last time you engaged in an informal spiritual conversation with someone outside of church service or a Bible study? What started that conversation? How did it end?

International students are often open and honest in their spiritual questions about your life. Describe for a moment what spiritual needs an international student might have.

An international student may be from China, Japan, India, Korea or some other remote place in the world. No matter where they are from, how can God meet the deepest needs of their heart?

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Time: 6:17

Trainer: Greg Swinney—Crossroads International Student Ministry

Talk it over

How can you naturally move from casual conversations with an international student to deeper spiritual matters? What non-threatening questions could you ask them?

What three or four scriptures would you use to point someone to Christ? List them out.

Answered prayer speaks loudly to the hearts of international students. How has the Lord answered a recent prayer request in your life? Share that with the group and talk about how telling that story could impact an international student.

Moving forward together

Have you taken time to write down your testimony? If not, take a few minutes and write down a brief story of your life before you met Christ, how you came to follow Christ, and what your life is like now. Share with the group.

Prayer points

If you have already have a growing relationship with an international student, pray for that student's openness to talk about what it means to be a Christian.

Pray for God to give you boldness and sensitivity to talk with others (international students or other American friends) about your walk with Jesus. Pray for God to give you the wisdom to know when to speak up and when to listen.

Jesus promised in Matthew 10:20 that when we speak with others about the love and majesty of God, the Spirit will speak through us. Pray that you will release any fears you might have of making mistakes or offending someone and thank God for His promise to always be with you and to speak through you.

Pray for an opportunity to share Christ this week.

Questions?

Check out the RISE website for more resources and inspiration concerning international students — www.theriseproject.com.

Further questions or comments? Contact Greg Swinney, the trainer for this segment at greg@theriseproject.com



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