



NEXT STEPS FOR ENGAGING WITH DISPLACED PEOPLE

In today's world, many cities and urban centers have become homes for **displaced people**. In the midst of this reality, our mobilizers are frequently approached for guidance on how individuals, small groups and congregations can become more deeply engaged with these communities.

To assist you in this journey, we've created reflection questions for personal or congregational use, along with a list of ways followers of Christ can identify and connect with displaced individuals within their localities.

① QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- + Which Scripture stories of displacement resonate most with you and why?
- + What role has displacement had in your story or in the lives of people you know?
- + What scares or concerns you about displacement?
- + Why do you think displacement matters to God?
- + Why do you think the role Christians play is important in furthering God's purposes?
- + What opportunities arise with displacement that might not be possible otherwise?
- + If you were displaced, how would you like others to treat you?
- + Who are the displaced people you have the opportunity to relate with?
- + What role might your congregation play in the lives of displaced people in your community? Or, how is your congregation already involved?
- + What frontier mission stories highlighted from Frontier Fellowship's global partners intrigue you the most and why?

② IDEAS FOR CONNECTION



TALK TO LEADERS OF YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Educators and school staff often know which families are struggling and in need of support. This can be a great place to start if you have school-aged children and want to come alongside members of your community.



VISIT A DIFFERENT GROCERY STORE

In one church a person said, "I had no idea there were so many people from different cultures in my own neighborhood! Over the years I had gotten in the habit of shopping at the same grocery store. I recently shifted to a different one run by an immigrant family and am meeting people from so many different nations."



ENGAGE WITH A LOCAL UNIVERSITY

Each year, more than one million international students study in the US, and many come from nations with very few Christians. Offer to take international students out for meals or have them over for dinner. Often those friendships can open up future opportunities to meet their parents and relatives, either in person or more likely via virtual technologies.



OFFER COURSES + SERVICES

Many churches are helping displaced people by offering things such as ESL courses, art classes, trauma recovery programs, training to get driver's licenses and job placement training.



PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Displaced people are all around us, working in every sector of the economy—from entry-level service roles to leading medical, research and tech professions (and everywhere in between). Ask God to help you see them as you go about your regular routine. There are many ways to reach out and care for displaced people, either as an individual or together with your congregation.

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