

The Needs and Interests of International Students A Partial List

- ❖ They are thoughtful and well-educated adults, but they need to hear and read language that is understandable and clear.
- ❖ They are reluctant to answer obvious questions.
- ❖ They have little or no knowledge of the content or vocabulary of the scriptures
- ❖ They come to our studies for different reasons and have various levels of spiritual interest.
- ❖ They may be unaccustomed to personal, interactive group discussions.

Meeting the Needs of International Students In Small Group Bible Studies

- ❖ Find out from the students why they have come and what they hope to learn from the study.
- ❖ Address their needs and interests verbally as you teach by pointing out the value of what they are learning.
- ❖ Address their questions with “just enough” of an answer to satisfy them at the time and follow up later.
- ❖ Adjust the material to meet their needs.
- ❖ Don’t talk too much.
- ❖ Encourage them to think for themselves.
- ❖ Wait for them to talk.
- ❖ Use small groups and pairs. Train internationals to be leaders!