



Engaging International Students On Campus

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A Japanese person is
_____ times more likely to
become a Christian
outside of Japan than *in* Japan.

Good News!

Being in North America...

1. Increase the chance of meeting Christians
2. Won't stick out as much
3. Rocks their boat

Acts 17:26-27a

From one man [God] made all the people of the world...
He decided *exactly when* they should live.

And he decided *exactly where* they should live.

God did this *so that* people would seek him. And perhaps they would reach out for him and find him.

Planting at WSU

- Prayer
- Building trust
- Flexibility



Washington State University Campus

Foundation



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Ephesians 6:12-18a

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers,...authorities,...powers of the dark world and against the ***spiritual forces of evil*** in the *heavenly realms*.

Therefore put on the full armor of God..... And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Implications in ISM (Int'l Student Ministry)

- Countless Cultures
- Common Spiritual Practices
- Unity between nations

PRAY!

- Protection
 - people & ministry
- Preparation of heart / mind
 - openness, love & patience, hearing God
- The Right People
 - seekers & partners

Resources & Context

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

Luke 14:28-30



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Take an Inventory

- Who could you partner with?
 - Other students
 - Prayer partners
 - Community volunteers
 - Staff / faculty
- What resources do you have?
 - Drivers
 - Hosts
 - Cooks
 - Musicians

Know your context!

- Number of internationals on your campus
- Location where internationals gather
- Staff and faculty who work with internationals
- Interview some internationals:
 - What is their experience like?
 - What are their needs?

International Conversation

What to ask?

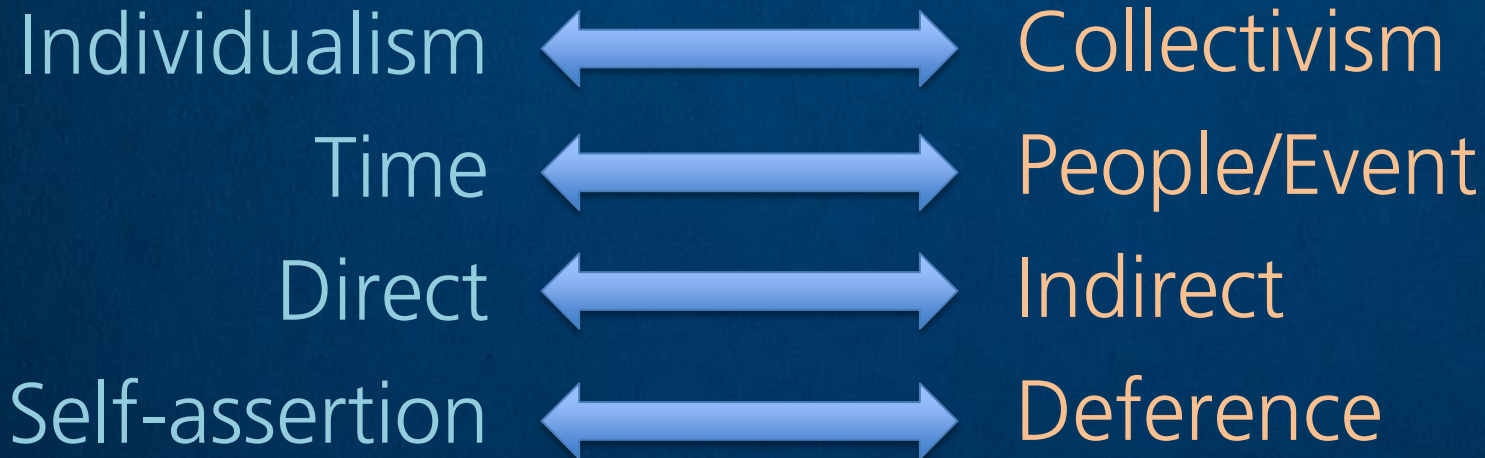
- Where they are from
- What they are studying
- What their spiritual background is
- Questions about family
- Ask: "What is life like in" Instead of "Do you have TV in your country"

Cross Cultural Basics

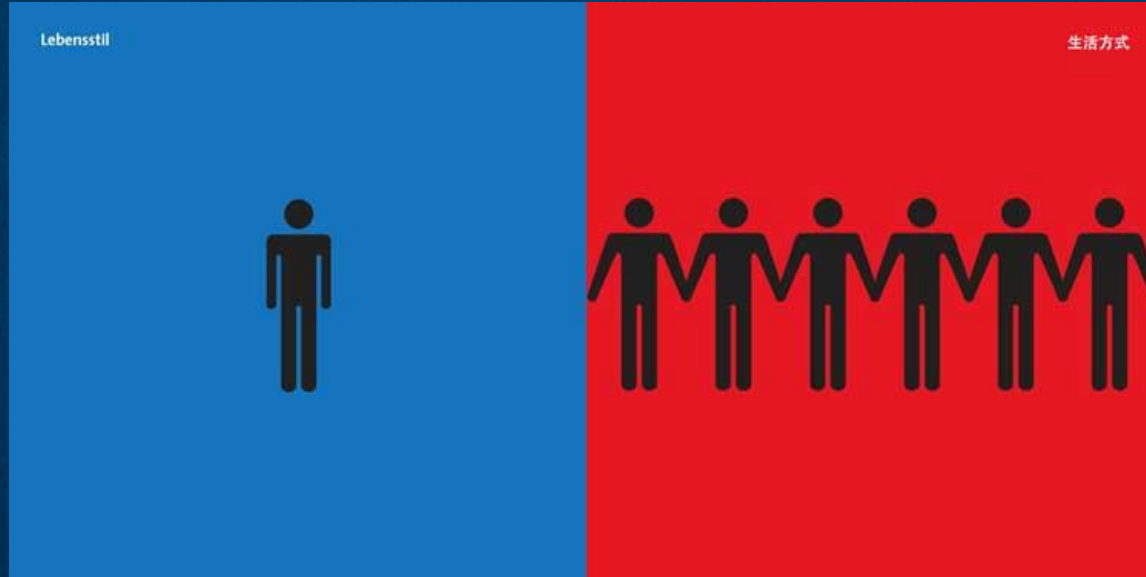
I have **become all things to all people** so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all things for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

~ 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

Cultural Continuum



Individualism vs. Collectivism



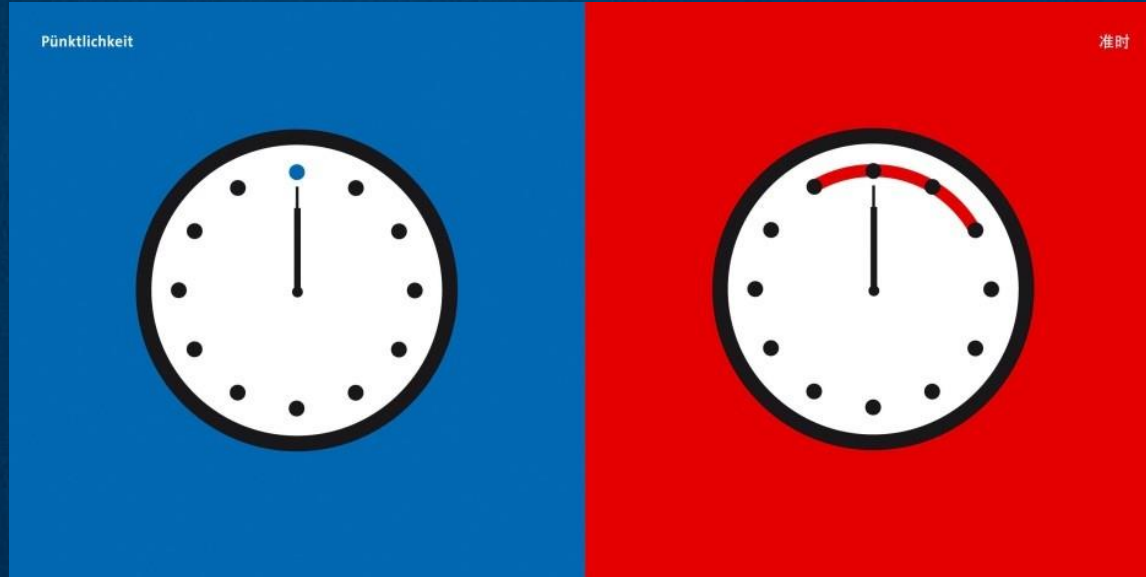
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Associations & Decisions

Discuss

When you invite a Muslim int'l student to a Christian event, what may be going through his/her mind? How does this cultural factor impact your outreach?

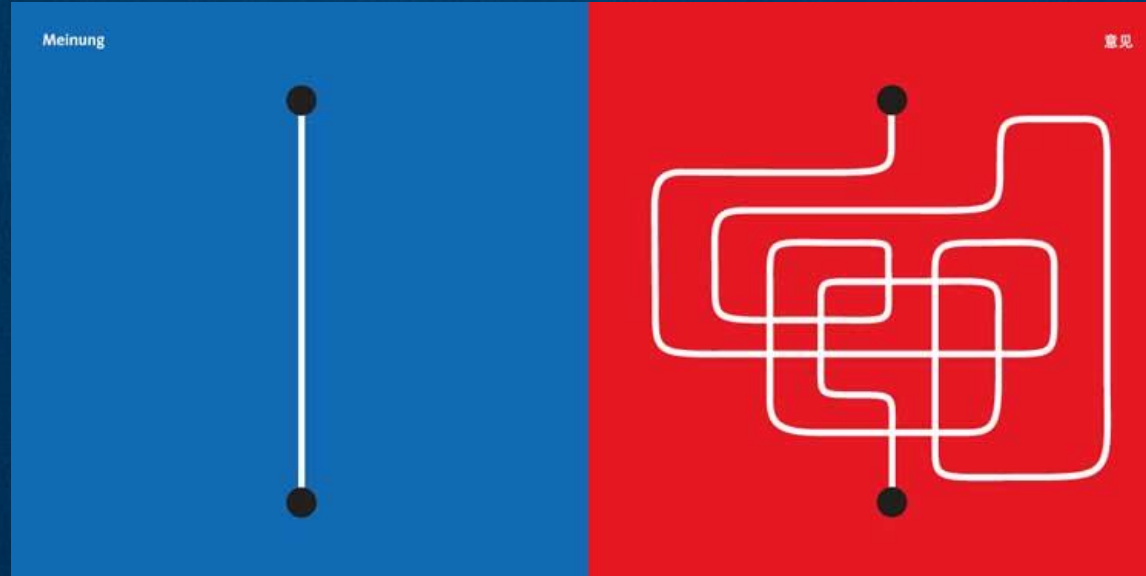
Time vs. People / Event-oriented



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Social Gatherings

Direct vs. Indirect



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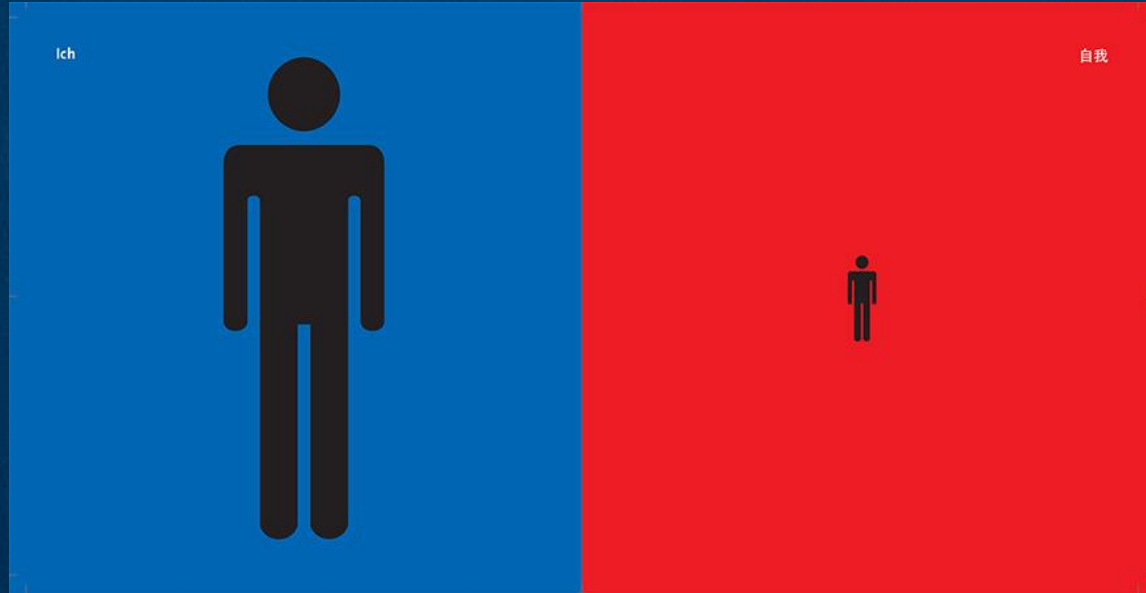
Communication

Role Play

Your new Chinese friend tells you she needs to open a bank account. She also shared that she had trouble the last time she tried to open an account due to her limited English.

One plays Chinese friend. The other plays North American.

Self-Assertion vs. Deference



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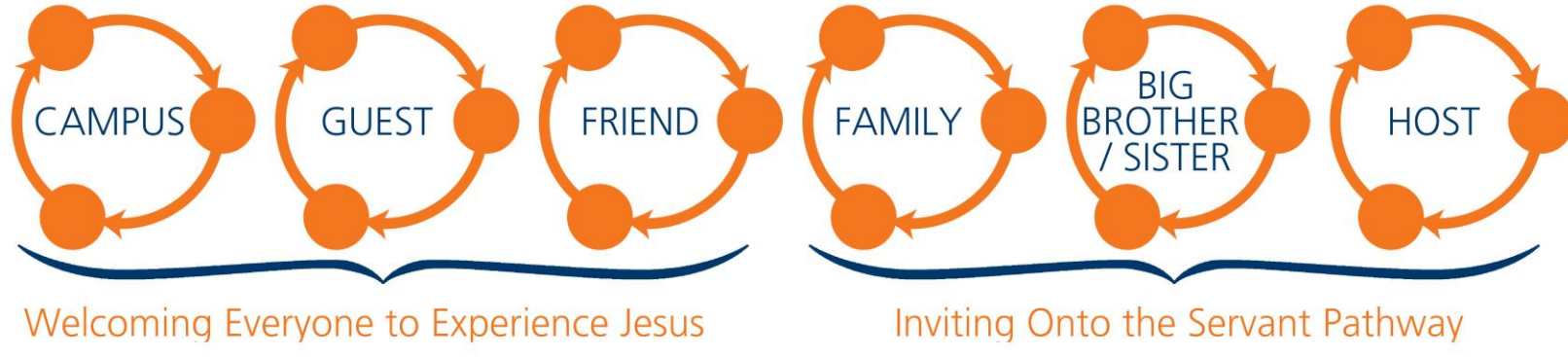
Authority & Accomplishments

Gender Boundaries

Muslims (& sometimes Hindus)

- Stick to same gender friendships
- Dress modestly!

Hospitality



Leadership Pathway

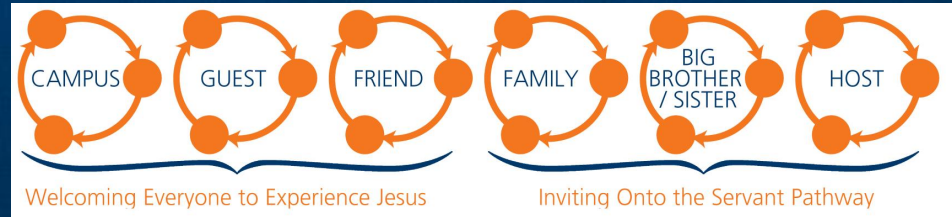
What now?

Context

1. It is the first week of the new semester on your campus. You don't know any internationals yet, but you are excited to meet them this spring.
2. You have made some international friends on campus. You enjoy hanging out with them, but you would like to engage them with the gospel as well.
3. You have international students in your ministry already. Using the leadership pathway as a guide, you want international students to become partners in ministry with you.

Questions

- What 3 next steps will you take?
- Who can you tell this to?



Next Steps

Talk to us

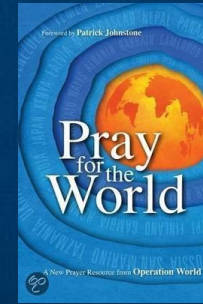
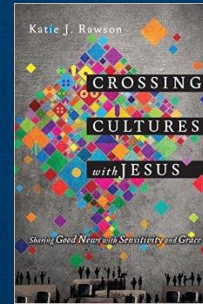
- Eva @ ISM booth Mon 4-7pm, Tue-Thu 1-7pm
- Adri international lounge (Hyatt) Tue 2-3pm, Thu 2-5pm

Get Resources @ U15

ISM booth or Postcard downloads



Bookstore (IVP)



Other seminars

- Spiritual Warfare - Wed 3:30pm
- The Gospel Through an Honor/Shame Lens - Tue 2pm