

Missions: An Adventure In Faith

STUDY NO: 11

TOPIC: Ezekiel- Ministry to migrants, international students, and refugees.

BIBLE PASSAGES: Ezekiel 1:1-3, 3:10-15, Acts 2:1-11, 1 Peter 2:11,12, Hebrews 11:11-15

HOW TO STUDY THIS LESSON:

Open in prayer asking God for truth and wisdom from His Word.

Read the Bible passage

Answer the questions, writing the answers in the space provided.

Take about 3-5 minutes per question.

Fill in the "Personal Application" section

If you have time write down prayer points for members of the group.

Close in prayer.

Ezekiel ministered to the Jewish refugees who were in exile in Babylon. Sometimes the nations come to us and dwell in our midst – as migrants, refugees and international students. Even tourists to major sporting events such as the Olympics can be won for Christ! And most churches these days are multi-cultural with folk from six or seven different nations. Sometimes we find churches with services in a wide range of different languages. The first church that I worked in was a Chinese church in Brisbane Australia and the services were in Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Showing hospitality to strangers and those dwelling in foreign lands can open doors for the gospel and make friendships across the continents. ***A good study bible would be helpful during this lesson.***

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Who did Ezekiel minister to? (Ezekiel 1:1-3, 3:10-15)

2. Why are refugees often quite open to the gospel?

3. Read Acts 2:1-11 – why were people of so many nations in Jerusalem? How did God use this opportunity for the gospel?

4. How can we use a major international event in our city as an opportunity for the gospel?

5. Peter wrote to Jewish migrants in Turkey. How did he tell them to behave? (1 Peter 2:11,12)

6. How can Christian migrants that go to non-Christian nations be a witness there?

7. Read Hebrews 11:11-15 – How are we all “pilgrims and strangers” on the earth?

8. How should we treat people from other countries in our midst? What might be some of their needs? How can we minister to them? (Job 31:32)

9. How are we to “do justice” for migrants and refugees? (Exodus 22:21, 23:9,12; Leviticus 19:10, 33,34; 23:22, 25:6, 35; Deuteronomy 10:17-19, 14:28,29, 24:17-22, 16:12,13; 31:12)

10. What are some of the different nationalities in your local area?

11. What are their spiritual backgrounds? (Catholic, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim etc)

12. How can we share Christ with these neighbours from the nations?

PERSONAL APPLICATION – a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim, a deed to do, an attitude to change....

PRAYER POINTS – Use “Operation World” by Patrick Johnstone to pray for: **Migrants & Refugees**