



Great Commission Women 2015-2017: Placed for a Purpose Video Discussion Guide

Here is the link to the most recent video, produced in May 2016.

<https://vimeo.com/167000924>

Discussion Questions

1. The video begins with a question, *"Have you ever felt out of place?"* Tell about a time you were uncomfortable or scared. Who, if anyone, did you turn to for help? How has that experience shaped your life?
2. The video states, *"The Alliance already has people in place, ready to demonstrate the heart of God toward the stranger."* How about you? You, too, are "Placed for a Purpose." What does it look like for you to be *"in place, ready to demonstrate the heart of God toward the stranger"*?
3. The video states, *"We are convinced that God is moving the people of this world into areas where they will have greater access to the gospel."* What people of the world are moving into your community? How do you see the shaping hand of God in these circumstances?
4. Share your responses/reactions/comments to these statements from "A Syrian Testimony":
 - a. *With the war and the killing, we had no choice.*
 - b. *My husband went first to find housing; I left with the kids several weeks later.*
 - c. *It was terrifying.*
 - d. *I didn't expect it to happen this way.*
 - e. *We were held for three days before friends were able to secure our release.*
 - f. *Try a second escape.*
 - g. *We left them (our suitcases) behind...we had nothing.*
 - h. *"They are good people; they will help you."*
 - i. *They take care of our needs and spend time with us.*

Three Responses

1. Persevere in prayer
 - a. Keep a copy of the “Invitation to Pray” prayer card in your Bible or journal.
 - b. Share copies of the prayer card with others who express concern over the current refugee/immigration crisis.
 - c. Develop an ongoing relationship with one Alliance international worker. Pray for her specific needs – both ministry needs and personal needs.

2. Reach out to the displaced people in your own community.
 - a. Educate yourself on ministry opportunities with immigrants and refugees within your own community.
 - b. Consider reaching out to “internally displaced people” (IDPs) within your community as well. These are often women who find themselves displaced due to divorce, domestic abuse, loss of employment, etc.
 - c. Become familiar with how The Alliance is responding to immigration issues in the U.S. Visit www.cmalliance.org. Type “immigration” in the search window. Here is the latest article that addresses this issue.
<https://www.cmalliance.org/news/2016/01/21/immigration-refugees-and-a-christian-response/>

3. Give generously to the good work being done by our Alliance family around the world.

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