

Title of session: Expectations and Intro to Culture

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Expectations

Description:

This is an introductory session where we explore participant's expectations for our MOP program and then connect that to their expectations for their anticipated first 4-year term of missionary service. When expectations for ministering cross culturally collide with the realities of daily life and work in a foreign culture missionaries many times experience disappointment. This session will help participants identify their personal expectations for their first term and discuss healthy ways to deal with unmet expectations.

Objectives:

1. Each participant will identify personal expectations for their first term of service as it relates to a list of potential culture stressors.
2. Each participant will be able discuss ways to deal with unmet expectations.

Intro to Culture

Description:

This session begins with a card game called "5 Tricks". After playing the game we spend some time talking about cross cultural lessons that can be learned from it. We spend some time talking about Kraft's layers of culture and relate that to Kwast's iceberg model of culture.

Objectives:

1. To define the term "culture" and explain the relationship between behaviors, values, beliefs and worldview.
2. To simulate a cross cultural experience and diagnose what went wrong.
3. To classify a list of observations as above or below the surface of an iceberg using Kwast's diagram.
4. To discuss the relationship between our culture, our ministry culture and the Scripture.

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- [Culture 2014 Power Point](#)
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