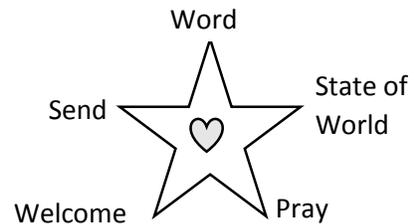


## World Christian Lifestyle Plan

*Living out the main attributes of a World Christian*

1. How do you define a World Christian and what do you think their life should look like?
2. Draw a 5 pointed star and name each of the points: "Word, State of the World, Pray, Welcome, and Send." Then draw a Heart in the center.

- a. *Heart*: Explain that the most important characteristic of a World Christian is that they have a love for God and people.
- b. *Head*: Explain that the first 2 attributes of a WC is that they understand the Biblical basis of missions and the state of the world (reach vs unreached).
- c. *Hands*: The other 3 are actions that all Christians can be doing. The actions of pray, send, and welcome are modeled through scripture. Explain that while some will go as missionaries, every Christian can pray, send, and welcome.



3. How bright or dim are you in these 5 areas? Draw some short or long rays coming out of each point to show where they are at.
4. Two other areas are Going and Mobilizing. Mobilizing is simply helping other Christians become a World Christian. Do you feel God might be calling you to go? Do you want to help other Christians become World Christians?

### Application:

Brainstorm ideas for each of the following habits (Pray, Send, and Welcome) and make a plan for how you will incorporate each of them into your life. Use the next page to help you brainstorm ideas for each of these habits.

#### PRAY

- List some ways you can consistently pray for the nations or missionaries. Circle the idea you want to start doing now. Who could do that with you?

#### SEND

- List some ways you can participate in sending a missionary. Circle the idea you want to start doing now. If it's an idea other than financial support, are there others that could do that with you?

#### WELCOME

- List some ways you can befriend or minister to people of other cultures and religious? Circle the idea you want to start doing now. Who could do that with you?

## *Ideas for Praying, Sending, and Welcoming*

### **Pray**

Prayer changes things, and God has given us this tool to impact the physical and spiritual realm. God repeated tells us to pray for laborers, for the Gospel to take root, for His Kingdom to spread on earth as it is in Heaven.

- Pray for the internationals and refugees at your school, in your neighborhood, etc.
- You can walk around a neighborhood where internationals live and pray for each house or person you see.
- Look through a prayer resource like Operation World, Joshua Project, or simply do an internet search for Christian persecution in a country to learn about a country's or people group's spiritual needs.
- During Sunday school or a small group fellowship, ask if you can bring prayer requests for different people groups or missionaries the church supports.
- Once you have modeled a few ways to pray for the world, ask others in your church or small groups to facilitate prayer meetings in the future. Encourage them to be creative!

### **Send**

Missionaries depend on the financial and prayer support of a team of people that are investing in them and their ministry. The long term fruit of their ministry primarily depends on God, but they also greatly depend on a team of senders. Be a blessing to someone moving their life to a new culture and people, and join their financial and prayer support team, as you are able, and you and the missionary will be greatly blessed as you see God reward your partnership.

- While special financial gifts are good, missionaries are most blessed by consistent, monthly giving so that they can budget for their family and ministry. Consider giving a portion of your offerings to a missionary on an ongoing basis.
- You could contact your pastor at your church and ask if you could get connected with a missionary the church supports. Then your group could adopt that person/family and stay in touch with them. Ongoing support is a huge blessing to the missionary, and it helps them stay connected to what's happening in your city and church.
- You could send birthday cards, gifts, or emails to let the missionary know you praying for them.

### **Welcome**

In cities all over the world, God is bringing people from other cultures and religions to live amongst Christians. Throughout the Bible, it is clear that God commands His people to love the foreigner. Foreigners often experience loneliness and isolation, so let us be the hands and feet of Jesus to welcome, serve, and love these precious people. Many of them come from places in the world that are unreached, so you could be the first person to ever share the good news of Jesus with them!

- Do research to find out where internationals are at. The ethnic food stores and restaurants are great places to start looking.
- Look for international events you can attend (dances, festivals, etc.).
- There may be ministries in your city that are already reaching out to internationals. It would be wise to do some research and meet those believers and see how you could come alongside them and serve and care for the internationals together.
- When you see an international at school, a store, or really almost anywhere, greet them and ask them about where they are from, what their name is, how long they have been here, etc. Most of the time they are very excited that a local person has intentionally welcomed them and cared about them. Simple things can be incredibly significant in their life because most people avoid them because they are different.
- Contact local Mosques, Temples, etc. and see if you could bring a group of people to visit and learn more about them. Then recruit the people you are mobilizing to come with you!