



Reaching the Nations at Home

An every people, kingdom-building moment
for the Church in North America

Revelation 7:9-10



Refugee Data

- Number of refugees in the world today: 66,000,000
- Rate of refugee increase: 33,972 per day
- Three major exit countries: Somalia, Afghanistan, Syria
- Three major host countries: Turkey, Pakistan, Lebanon

- One out of every 113 people living on this planet is displaced
- If all of the world refugees were united into one political body, it would create the 22nd largest nation in the world
- If the Syrian refugee crisis were to take place proportionally in the U.S. the entire population west of Ohio would be fleeing from their homes [Richard Stearns]

Some Texts on Love

- John 13:35

“...I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

- Galatians 6:10

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

- 1 John 4:19

- Luke 6:27-28

- Matthew 25:31:46

[Matthew 25:34, 40]

Some Texts on Strangers

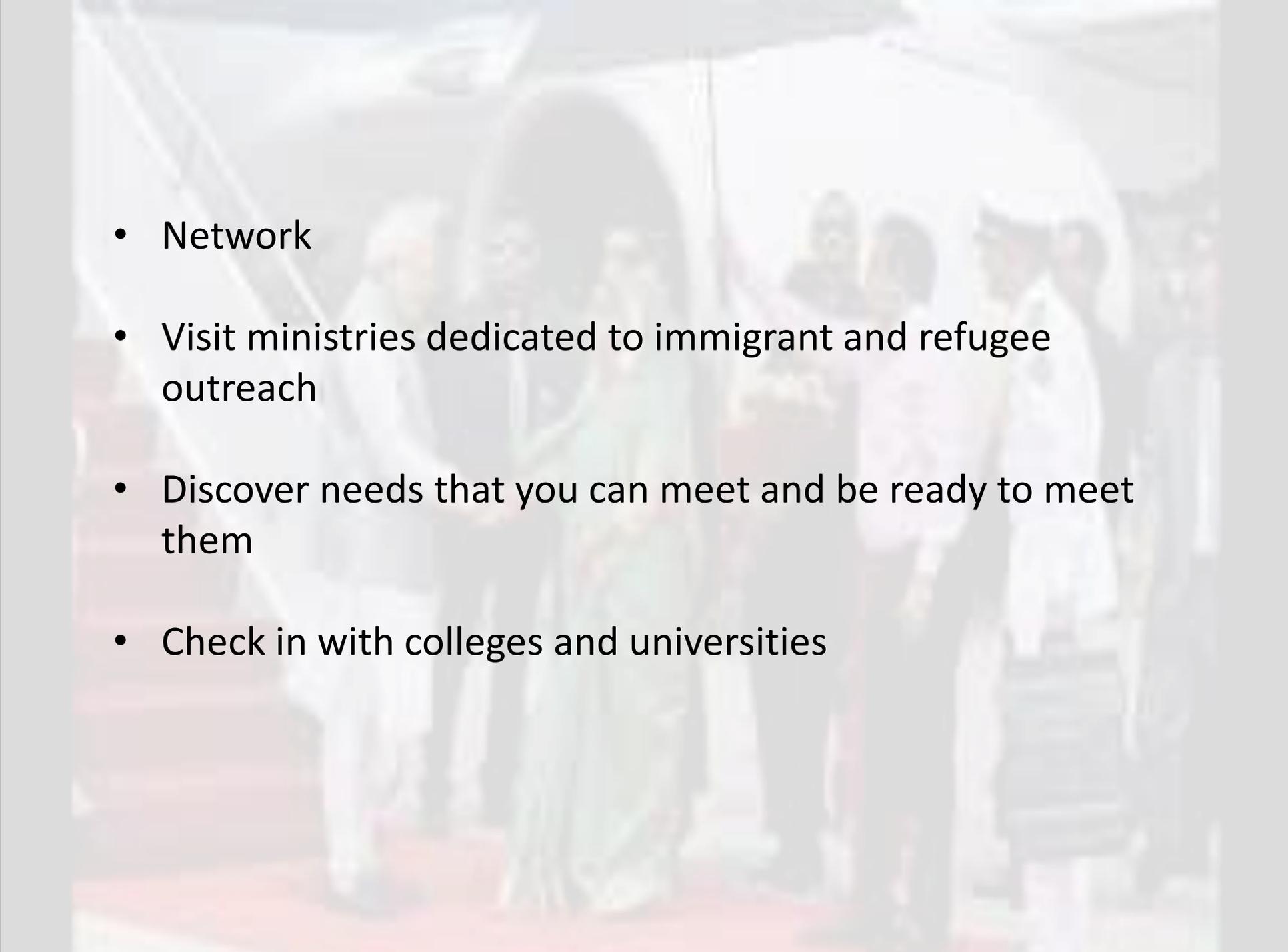
- Deuteronomy 10:17-19
- Deuteronomy 15:11
- Leviticus 19:33-34
- Psalm 146:9
- Hebrews 13:1-2

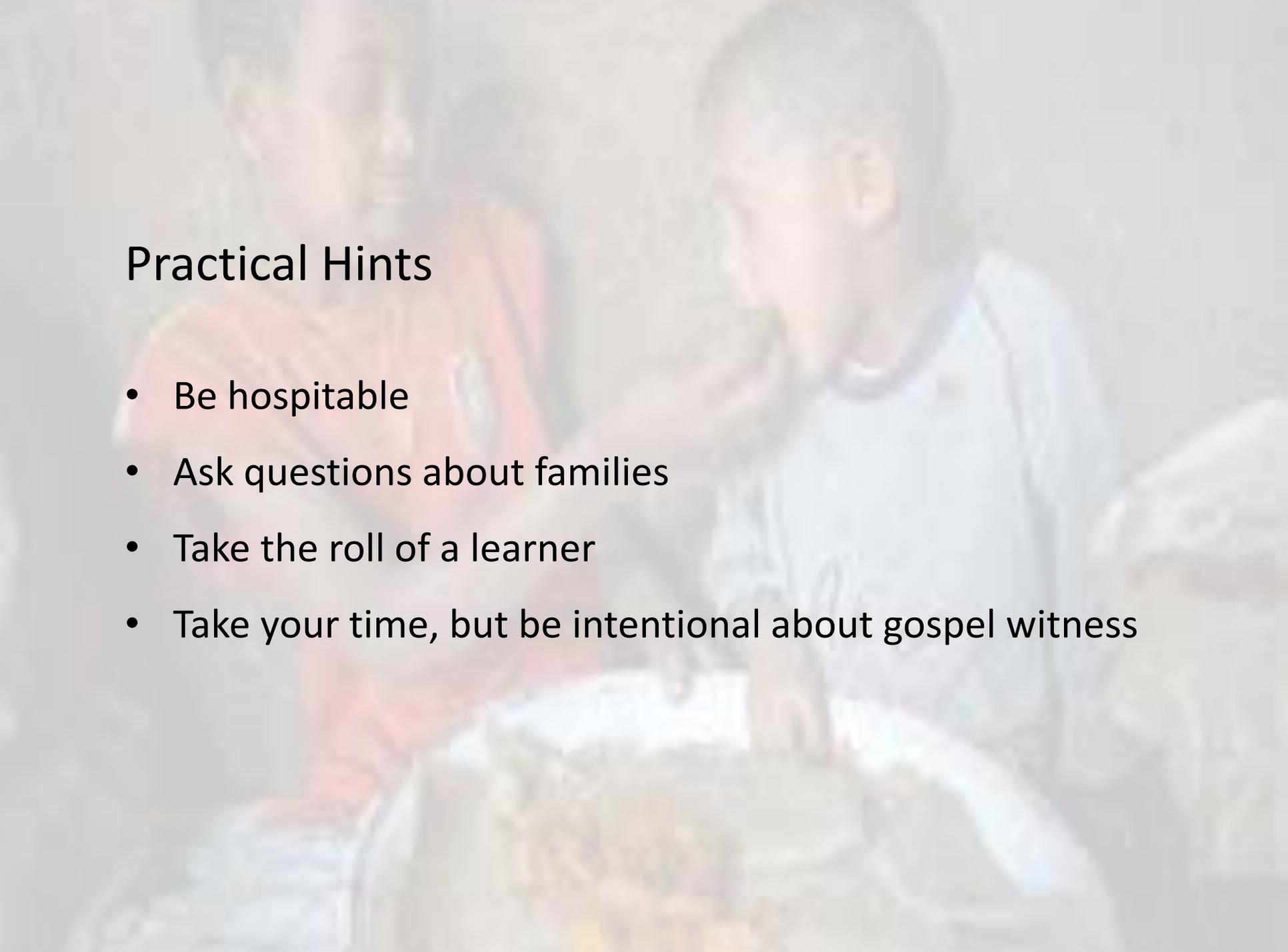
“For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”

[Deuteronomy 10:17-20]

What can I do?

- Deal with your fears
- Develop a heart of compassion
- Be a good neighbor
- Read a good book on the subject

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- A group of people, including a woman in a green sari, standing on a red carpeted staircase. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.
- Network
 - Visit ministries dedicated to immigrant and refugee outreach
 - Discover needs that you can meet and be ready to meet them
 - Check in with colleges and universities



Practical Hints

- Be hospitable
- Ask questions about families
- Take the roll of a learner
- Take your time, but be intentional about gospel witness

Helpful Reads

