

## Scriptural References for ISM

Leviticus 19:33, 34 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup>“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. <sup>34</sup>*You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*”

- What does it mean to love the strangers on your campus?

Isaiah 56:7

“...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

- How are our “houses of prayer” welcoming or unwelcoming to those who are different from us?

Matthew 25:32-46

<sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered in front of him... <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep to his right and the goats to his left.

<sup>34</sup>“...To those on his right. He will say, ‘My Father has blessed you. Come and take what is yours...’ <sup>35</sup>I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...*I was a stranger and you invited me in.* <sup>36</sup>I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

- What are some of international students’ practical needs? Why might they need us to invite them in?

Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- What nations are on your campus? What do you learn from this passage about disciple-making?

Acts 8:26-35

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road...that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ...On his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official...This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “*Do you understand what you are reading?*” Philip asked. “How can I... unless someone explains it to me?”...Then Philip began with that very passage...and told him the good news about Jesus.

- In what ways are int’l students like the Ethiopian? What can you learn from Phillip?

Acts 17:26-27a (NIRV)

<sup>26</sup>From one man he made all the people of the world. Now they live all over the earth. He decided exactly when they should live. *And he decided exactly where they should live.* <sup>27</sup>God did this so that people would seek him. Then perhaps they would reach out for him and find him.

- Why do you think so many international students are here, including those from countries who may view western influence as immoral or a threat?

Ephesians 2:14-15 (NIRV)

<sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has *destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,* <sup>15</sup>by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to *create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace.*

- What divisions do you notice between international and American students on your campus and/or in InterVarsity? How might we build bridges between the two groups?

Rev 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a *great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language,* standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

- What are ways you can usher in God’s kingdom on campus?