Unlikely Leader Passages

Any of these passages might be constructively used for you with international students to help them see that people of influence in the Bible come from a variety of backgrounds. They are unlikely leaders. But they change history.

1. Acts 6-8 Stephen and Philip
   a. Greek speaking Jews who seemed like “foreigners”
   b. Were qualified by God
   c. Needed to be invited to lead/serve
   d. Had an incredible impact on the mission

   a. “I am among you as one who serves”
   b. From Galilee – almost another country; looked down on
   c. Of questionable parentage
   d. The King of Kings but the servant of all

3. Acts 18, Rom 16:3, 2 Tim 4:19, 1 Cor 16:19 Priscilla
   a. Female
   b. Church leader
   c. Teacher of Apollos, a great leader in his own right
   d. Co worker of Paul, on equal footing

4. Judges 4-5 Deborah
   a. Female
   b. Prophet
   c. Called a Leader of Israel
   d. Poet

5. Judges 6-8 Gideon
   a. From the weakest tribe and the least clan and the least in his own family
   b. A thresher rather than a warrior
   c. Courageous and Obedient

6. Acts 18-19 Apollos
   a. From the Greek speaking world and culture
   b. Taught what he knew
   c. Was willing to learn (and from a woman)
   d. Was powerful in word and eloquent

7. Book of Ruth Ruth
   a. a foreigner
   b. woman
   c. common
   d. devoted
   e. courageous

8. Book of Esther Esther
   a. In a foreign land
   b. Selected
   c. Used what she had – beauty and leadership
   d. Courageous