

## 3 X 3

STARTING  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT  
CONVERSATION  
PARTNERSSHARING THE GOOD NEWS  
WITH CULTURAL WISDOM

## 3 THINGS TO KNOW

- 1** Internationals are often lonely and looking for friends/ community – especially when struggling with their English and a new culture.



- 2** Being a conversation partner over time establishes the kind of trust that leads to deeper sharing of life and faith.



- 3** Anyone can do it! Ages 18-80, male/female, student/community people...

## X THINGS TO AVOID

- 1** Avoid viewing the conversation partnership as a project rather than a relationship.

- 2** Avoid dominating the conversation or speaking too much. Your role is to offer them a safe place to practice real conversation.



- 3** Avoid cross-gender partnerships. This avoids needless complications, cultural miscues, and problems.



## 3 THINGS TO TRY

- 1** Ask an international friend/acquaintance if they would like to meet weekly to practice English and learn more about each other's culture.

- 2** Ask a LOT of open-ended questions – they want to be known and your world will grow as a result.



- 3** Introduce him/her to your friends, family, or small group so they can belong to your community. Our combined love is a powerful witness!

## MORE RESOURCES

Questions? Email Len [len.andyshak@intervarsity.org](mailto:len.andyshak@intervarsity.org)

Put "Convo Partner 3x3" in subject line.

Conversation Partner Guide: 16 Phonics Lessons

[tiny.cc/ESLconvo](http://tiny.cc/ESLconvo)

World Religions Overviews [tiny.cc/3x3faith](http://tiny.cc/3x3faith)

Book: *Crossing Cultures with Jesus: Sharing Good News with Sensitivity and Grace* [tiny.cc/ccwj](http://tiny.cc/ccwj)

3X3 resources give you quick tips and tools to help you engage international students.

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