

CROSS CULTURAL SKILLS: A BIBLICAL FRAMEWORK

In this training guide, you will study four Bible passages related to the cross-cultural skills of observation, being a learner, flexibility, and building trust. Each skill is essential for short-term mission teams. Spend time reading Scripture and discussing ideas in a group setting.

Cross-Cultural Skill #1: **OBSERVATION**

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:16-23

1. How did Paul use the skill of observation while in the city of Athens?
 2. In what ways did Paul's observation skills increase his effectiveness as a cross-cultural missionary?
 3. What implications does this passage of Scripture have for your upcoming ministry experience?
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Cross-Cultural Skill #2: **BE A LEARNER**

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-7

1. How did Paul assume the posture of a learner as a cross-cultural missionary in Ephesus?
2. What might have happened had Paul come as the "arrogant missionary", assuming he already knew the spiritual needs of the Ephesians?
3. What implications does this passage of Scripture have for your upcoming ministry experience?



Cross-Cultural Skill #3: **FLEXIBILITY**

Scripture Reading: **I Corinthians 9:19-23**

1. How did the Apostle Paul demonstrate the attitude of flexibility when ministering among different people groups? (You may use concrete examples from other New Testament books.)
 2. Why was flexibility important for Paul as a cross-cultural missionary?
 3. What implications does this passage of Scripture have for your upcoming ministry experience?
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Cross-Cultural Skill #4: **BUILDING TRUST**

Scripture Reading: **I Thessalonians 2:1-12**

1. In what ways did Paul, Silas, and Timothy go about building trust in the city of Thessalonica?
2. What motives and/or attitudes were necessary to successfully build trust as cross-cultural missionaries?
3. What implications does this passage of Scripture have for your upcoming ministry experience?

