

## Roundtable Discussion responses

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1. What are three top challenges you face in being a missionary in our 21st century culture?

- inconsistent living of Christians
- too busy “doing church” (inward-focused)
- lack of willingness/availability to share; busyness
- fear of rejection
- indifferent / apathetic
- too results-oriented, not focussed on relationships
- lack of faith; will God really do anything?
- isolationism; no deep relationships
- don't understand other cultures/ages
- hostile culture; pluralistic and inclusive

2. What are the three top practices you can adopt to address the challenge?

- be willing to follow Jesus and “go do it”; obedience, integrity, humility
- take people with you and go follow Jesus
- simplify schedules, give permission not to participate for mission reasons
- choose to connect/relate to people, make space in your life for them; practice hospitality, invite people into your home
- deep relationships give a voice to speak into culture
- don't give up loving people in practical ways
- talk about the uniqueness of Jesus
- PRAY!!!

3. What are three top ways you can lessen the gap between challenges and opportunities for you to be a missionary in our 21st century culture

- consistent, daily Christ-like example
- spiritual disciplines form the foundation of our spiritual lives
- seek out opportunities to make connections
- love others, love love love people
- celebrate the “wins”
- take the opportunities that you encounter