

Session #2 Outline

Pre-Trip Training

Guatemala



Objective: To help participants learn about cultural differences and how we need to adapt to other cultures for effective ministry. To begin learning to use the GOSPEL Keys tool in order to clearly and accurately present the message of the gospel.

In This Session:

- ▶ Cultural Awareness
- ▶ Tips for Adapting to a New Culture
- ▶ What is "The Gospel"
- ▶ The GOSPEL Keys Training Tool – Key #1 & Key #2

Supplies Needed:

- ▶ A/V equipment/computer to play the training video(s)
- ▶ Financial/Forms Status update report (From NEXT Worldwide)

Time Frame: 75-90 minutes

Welcome: (5-7 minutes)

Welcome everyone to the meeting. Thank them for being there and have someone open in prayer.

- ▶ Ask participants who was able to memorize all of the key statements, key verses, and transition statements for the "G" & "O" keys. (You might want to have a participant who learned them recite them for the team.)
- ▶ Remind students that the things they are learning in these sessions are critical to accomplishing what God has planned for the team.
- ▶ Let participants know that during this training session in addition to learning how to use the GOSPEL Keys tool, they will be learning about ministry in different cultures.

Video: Cultural Egotism (4 minutes)

Show the "Cultural Egotism" video*.

Read & Discuss: (12-16 minutes)

After the video, have trip participants read the articles "Elephants Dancing with Mice," and "Lessons I learned in Dancing with Mice" which are on pages 40-41 of their Pre-Trip Training Guide. Then have them answer the following questions (This can be done in a large group or in smaller groups.)

- ▶ Why is being culturally aware so important?
- ▶ Where have you seen cultural egotism at play in your own life?

Video: Adapting to a New Culture (3 minutes)

Show the "Adapting to a New Culture" video*

Video: Cultural Differences: Guatemala (3 minutes)

Michael talked about taking the position of a learner. Now we are going to learn from our partners in Guatemala about some of the differences they have noticed between their culture and the culture of the team that come from the United States. Show the "Cultural Differences: Guatemala" video*

Prayer Time (2-3 minutes)

Take a moment after this video to pause and pray. You can pray for the whole group or ask a trip participant or two to pray on behalf of the group. Then spend a few minutes discussing the next two questions.

Discussion (5-7 minutes)

What things stood out to you in these last two videos?

What are some things we can do to avoid cultural egotism on this trip?

Video: What is the Gospel? (6 minutes)

Show the "What is the Gospel?" video*

Prayer Time (10-12 minutes)

After being reminded of the greatness of the gospel message, let's spend some time thanking God for how the Gospel has transformed our lives and ask Him to use us as we share this great story of redemption with others. Thank God for the people who shared the gospel with you, and pray for the opportunities you will have to share it with others.

[It might be helpful to divide trip participants into smaller groups to pray]

Video: Sharing the GOSPEL Keys – "G" & "O" (7 minutes)

Show the "Sharing the Keys – G & O" video*

Practice: (15-20 minutes)

- ▶▶ Have participants pair up and practice sharing the "G" & "O" keys with one another using their guide and any notes they took. Have one participant play the role of the missionary, and the other participant play the role of someone who doesn't have a relationship with Christ.
- ▶▶ After 7-10 minutes, have participants switch roles.

Closing/Homework: (3-5 minutes)

Have a few participants share about their experience sharing with each other. Remind students that learning this tool will seem awkward at first, but it will become more natural the more they practice then give them the following assignment and reminders.

- ▶▶ Have trip participants memorize the key statements, key verses, & transition statements for "S" & "P" keys before the next meeting. (These can be found on pages 20-21 of their Pre-Trip Training Guide.)
- ▶▶ Have participants practice sharing the GOSPEL Keys at least 2 times with a family member or friend before the next meeting.
- ▶▶ Remind participants of the next meeting time and to bring their training guides and keys to each meeting.
- ▶▶ Remind participants of any upcoming deadlines for the trip.

- ▶▶ Encourage those who haven't met their financial goals yet to keep raising support.
- ▶▶ Encourage those who have missing forms to turn those in as soon as possible.
- ▶▶ Remind participants to be checking their online account and writing thank you notes to anyone who has made a contribution.

Video Links:

The pre-trip training videos for this session can all be viewed on our website at the following link: www.nextworldwide.org/guatemala-pre-trip-training-for-groups