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In the safety of community, and with the help of resources from a variety of perspectives, your small group will explore misconceptions and truths around immigration, as well as discern how our Christian faith calls us to respond. Your group will hear and read the stories of immigrants, explore current topics such as family separations, DACA, TPS, and border security.

Program Outline

Session 1: Introductions To Each Other and to a Theology of Migration
Participants commit to guidelines for holy dialogue. They then explore biblical and theological themes around immigration.

Session 2: History of Immigration to the U.S.
An interactive activity guides participants in exploring the fears and hopes underlying immigration policy throughout U.S. history.

Session 3: “Why Don’t They Just Get in Line?”
A simulation activity guides participants in considering questions such as “Who is eligible for citizenship?”, “How do they apply?”, and “How long does the process take?”.

Session 4: Why do People Migrate? Part One
Participants view a documentary on the big-picture factors that spur migration, specifically international economic policies and military interventions.

Session 5: Why do People Migrate? Part Two
After hearing from a guest speaker from the local community, participants name factors that “push” people from their homes and “pull” them to the United States.

Session 6: Current Issues in Migration
Participants discuss current immigration-related topics such as DACA, TPS, and family separations at the border.

- Immersion Experience -

Session 7: Advocating for Change
This session equips participants to engage in advocacy around immigration policy and effect change in their nation and/or local communities.

Session 8: Turning to Action
Participants engage in a discernment activity in order to commit to action steps, both as individuals and as a group.

Participant Information

Program Host & Location:

Meeting Dates & Times

Local Program Contact:

Books

Welcoming the Stranger
Jenny Hwang and Matthew Soerens

The Line Becomes a River
Francisco Cantú

“We as a group were called to act on our faith as a result of taking Just-Faith Ministries’ program on migration. All in our group feel empowered and competent to speak the truths and facts of our immigrant neighbors to others in our community...As for me I will continue to facilitate JustFaith programs at my church.”
- Mary D., Participant

Learn more about program costs and facilitating a group...

Facilitation & Facilitation Support

Two volunteer facilitators are needed. There is strong facilitation support from JustFaith Ministries, including:

A Facilitation Overview / Comprehensive Session Outlines
Full Access to JFM Support Staff / Training Videos
Promotion Kits / Promotion Support / Monthly Update Email

Registration and Prices

Visit us online at www.JustFaith.org to learn more about group and participant prices.

Program Goals

Faith and Immigration Justice equips participants to advocate for immigration policies that are just, effective, and compassionate, and to lead their communities in extending hospitality toward their immigrant neighbors.

This program seeks to help participants:

- Discern how our faith calls us to respond to the immigration debate happening in our nation.*
- Explore the reasons why people choose to come to the United States.*
- Learn about basic immigration policy: participants learn how to answer the question “why don’t undocumented immigrants ‘just get in line’ for citizenship?”*
- Equip participants and groups to advocate for just, compassionate, and effective immigration policy.*
- Equip participants to welcome their immigrant neighbors within their own local communities.*

Sessions Include

- Prayer and Reflection
- Discussion of Reading
- Faith Integration
- Videos and Group Activities
- Spiritual Practices
- Guest Speaker

