

Faith & Immigration Advocacy:

Continuing the Conversation

How our faith shapes our views on immigration is a complex and important topic. Our prayer is that you would continue this conversation in your community, church, small group, campus, etc. – in some way.

NEXT STEPS

- PRAY** for wisdom and discernment, for guidance on others to engage in this topic.
- TAKE** the “I WAS a Stranger” Challenge and read selected Bible verses with a group for forty days; use the **BOOKMARK** and start a conversation with others in your community.
- STUDY** “Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible” (Karl Barth, *Time*, May 31, 1963).
- COMMENT SHARE** on the **ECC’s Resolution on Immigration before October 15** | www.covchurch.org
the resolution/resource sheet with others as a place to start conversation at your church or on your campus.
- PREACH** the Word concerning the immigrant, love your neighbor, and care for the poor.
- LISTEN** to immigrant stories; to those you might already know who have this experience.
- ENGAGE** with this community through World Relief Seattle | www.worldreliefseattle.org
- **Immigration Detention Center Ministry** (Tacoma)
 - **Refugee Resettlement Program** (South King County).
They offer holistic relational opportunities to serve some of the most vulnerable newcomers in the Greater Seattle area
 - **Quest’s Refugee Engagement Ministry**, partnering with World Relief Seattle
Become a cultural companion | refugeeengagement@seattlequest.org

EDUCATION & RESOURCES

WEBSITES

- www.evangelicalimmigrationtable.com
- www.G92.org

BOOKS

- *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate* by Matthew Soerens & Jenny Hwang
- *Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church and the Bible* by M. Daniel Carroll R
- *Who Is My Neighbor: Christian faith and social action* by Justo Gonzalez & Virgilio Elizondo

VIDEOS

- Dying to Live: A Migrant’s Journey
- Gospel Without Borders

STUDY GUIDES

- *Welcoming the Stranger: Discovering and Living God’s Heart for Immigrants* by National Association of Evangelicals & World Relief
- *Go and Do Likewise* (companion for *Who is My Neighbor* book) by Justo Gonzalez & Virgilio Elizondo
- *Strangers in the Land* by Sojourners

ADVOCACY OPTIONS

- LEARN & SHARE** about current immigration reform legislation. Visit www.pray4reform.org or text “immigration” to 877877 to join the evangelical immigration reform effort.
- SPEAK OUT** for immigration reform against unjust and uncompassionate laws; send a message via World Relief – www.worldrelief.org (click *Get Involved/Advocate*).
- SIGN** the Washington Compact. Start local and engage our state’s reform efforts.
- CONTACT** your Senators or Congressperson, join an advocacy day in Olympia or Washington DC, and learn more: www.weareoneamerica.org.
- ORGANIZE** leaders and pastors for a prayer breakfast, dinner, round table, etc., and gather other speakers or educators to continue this conversation.