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ENGAGING JAPANESE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

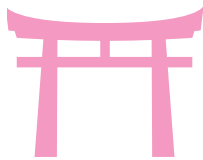
SHARING JESUS THROUGH
TRUST AND TESTIMONIES

3 THINGS TO KNOW

- 1** HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY – Japanese identity comes from a community of belonging; they seek to live harmoniously and preserve reputation for all.



- 2** SPIRITUALLY INCLUSIVE – While living very secular lives, most Japanese claim Buddhism (and Shintoism) as their religion, honor the spirits of ancestors, and practice fortune-telling.



- 3** RELIGION FEARED – Devout followers of religions like Christianity are often associated with destructive cults, but they think Christians are good people.

X THINGS TO AVOID

- 1** Avoid asking personal (opinion, belief) or close-ended (yes or no) questions or giving direct invitations when building a new relationship.



- 2** Avoid assuming the general term “god” refers to the Christian God, but invite them to learn about “the God of the Bible” and the “teachings of Jesus.”

- 3** Avoid public correction which brings loss of reputation in community. Discuss mistakes privately, gently, and cradled in affirmation.

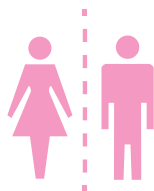
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3 THINGS TO TRY

- 1** PURSUE GENUINE FRIENDSHIP with people of the same gender. Cross-gender – assumed to be romantic. Trust is the foundation for faith discovery.



- 2** OFFER TO PRAY for their needs or offer a prayer of blessing; this shows genuine concern for them and demonstrates your trust in Jesus.



- 3** INVITE THEM TO BIBLE STUDY after trust is built. Due to concern for what others think, it's ideal to meet with 6 or less of the same gender.

MORE RESOURCES

Questions? Email Kelly kelly.IVCF@gmail.com.

Put “Japan 3x3” in subject line.

Reaching Japanese for Christ rjcnetwork.org

Japanese Christian Fellowship Network jcfn.org

God's Fingerprints in Japan vimeo.com/15496127

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