

Annual Staff & Volunteers Training Day 2016

How to disciple young Chinese students

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1. How many Chinese students are in the US?

974,926 international students and 31% of them are from China

2. The importance of disciplining them

Matthew 28:18 – 20

Over 75% of Chinese Christian Students left their faith when they go back to China.

3. The definition of young Chinese students

Most of them are born from 1989-1998 and they are Post-90s!

4. The characters of Post-90s

- 1) More acceptable to the new stuff
- 2) Value sincere interpersonal relationship
- 3) Eager to have a role model
- 4) Highly independent +highly dependent
- 5) Dislike autocratic, authoritative and closed culture/social system

5. The Profile of Post-90s in the US

- 1) “The second generation of wealthy family”
- 2) High tech generation
- 3) Grow in an informational age
- 4) Some are from broken families (High divorce rate, most of their parents are workaholic. They are raised by their grandparents)
- 5) Hedonism, focus on entertainment
- 6) Postmodernism- Relativism
- 7) Advocate equality, oppose authority
- 8) Embrace non-mainstream popularity and individual differences
- 9) High rate of cohabitation and homosexuality
- 10) Pursue fashions, pay more attention to the appearance and beauty

11) Weak in self-care

12) Prefer graphic reflection to words reflection

13) Shorter attention-span

6. What do Post-90s believe?

- 1) Atheist
- 2) Agnostic
- 3) Theism
- 4) Mystics: Horoscope, fortune telling, etc.

7. What do post-90s need?

- 1) Love
- 2) Understanding
- 3) Space
- 4) Counseling
- 5) Morality
- 6) Faith
- 7) Truth

8. How to reach out to post-90s

- 1) Hang out
- 2) Activities
- 3) Host family
- 4) Unconditional love
- 5) God’s word
- 6) Music and Worship
- 7) Put yourself into their shoes
- 8) Beauty and creativity
- 9) Media, internet (Facebook, Twitter, Wechat, Line...)

9. How to disciple Post-90s?

9.1 How about us first?

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9.2 How does Jesus make disciples

- 1) Teaching
- 2) Actions

9.3 Different disciple groups

- 1) To big crowd
Sermon on the mountain - Matthew 5-7
- 2) To disciples
Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two - Luke 10:1-12
- 3) To twelve disciples
The Parable of the Sower - Matthew 13:10-11
His death and resurrection - Matthew 16:21
- 4) To the inner core of disciples
Transfiguration (Peter, James, and John) - Matthew 17:1-13
- 5) One-on-one discipleship
Peter
*An important thing is teaching them how to build up relationship with God themselves!

9.4 What is the order?

10. The importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit

11. Some culture issues

The differences between Western culture and Eastern culture.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cytr0MOH4tY>

Western culture is more direct while eastern culture is more indirect.

12. Other resources

- 1) Book
 - Songs of a wanderer
 - Finding God in Ancient China
 - Hudson Taylor and the China Inland Mission
- 2) Media
 - Wechat
 - Goodtv
 - Youtube: Jeremy Lin, Nick Vujicic, Who is the legend
 - Youku
 - Tudou
 - 福音中国: <http://www.fuyinchina.org/>
 - 旷野之声: <http://www.sitw.org/SWHome.shtml>
 - 旷野呼声: <http://music.kyhs.me/>
 - 福音影视网: <http://www.fuyin.tv/>
- 3) Band: 赞美之泉, 小羊诗歌, 盛晓玫, 王子音乐

13. Chinese fellowship

The IFI Chinese Fellowship provides spiritual growth opportunities for Christians from all Chinese-speaking regions and communities. We are a group of college students and young professions who desire a deeper personal relationship with God. We are eager to grow and mature in Him together and to equip each other to become more effective in ministering peer students from the Chinese cultural background. Our gathering is mainly in Mandarin Chinese.

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14. Q & A

Q & A for How to disciple young Chinese students

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Q1: 974,926 international students and _____ of them are from China. Among them, over _____ of Chinese Christian Students left their faith when they go back to China.

A1: 31%, 75%

Q2: The definition of young Chinese students

A2: Most of them are born from 1989-1998 and they are Post-90s!

Q3: What do Post-90s believe?

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A3: abcd

Q4: What are the two most important things in discipling young Chinese student?

A4: One is teaching them how to build up relationship with God themselves another thing is help them to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Q5: List a big difference between Eastern and western culture?

A5: Western culture is more direct while eastern culture is more indirect.