

Team Building Exercise 2 Sharing Your Expectations

Goal – Team members see their short term mission experience as an opportunity to meet God's expectations through their service with The Servant's Heart.

Objective – Individuals on mission teams often have in their minds what they think they will accomplish during and receive from a short term mission experience. By exploring these views, then exploring God's definition of a servant, we would like team members to form more realistic expectations, thereby lessening the chance of disappointments, as well as being more prepared to be used as God's servants.

Action Plan –

Materials needed:

Newsprint sheets – 20+ half sheets; 1 full sheet or a chalk/white-board

Post-it notes – several for each team member

Tape

Black marker

Pencils

Bibles

1. Have the team brainstorm expectations they have about their upcoming mission trip to Guatemala. Have someone record each different expectation at the top of the sheets of newsprint. Tape the sheets up around the room.
2. Distribute several Post-it notes to each team member. Have them write their name on the notes and then place their Post-its on each sheet of newsprint that expresses an expectation that they personally have about the trip.
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 and 1 Thessalonians 2:4-13 (others?)
4. On the large sheet of newsprint or chalk/white-board, have the group brainstorm what they think God's expectations for them as individuals and as a team might be while they are His servants in Guatemala.
5. Discuss: Do our expectations fit with God's? Do you ever feel unqualified to be God's servant? How can we keep our expectations in perspective while we are preparing for and during our journey? Will knowing God's expectations of us as His servants change how we prepare as individuals? As a team? Other questions?
6. Challenge the team members to search God's Word for more characteristics of true servanthood, praying that God would give each individual the strength and wisdom to perform the tasks set before them that He alone would be glorified.