

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Video (4:04 minutes):

Key Concept:

Ministry Focus:

The Strategy of Transformation Transformation Guatemala

DEFINITION OF THE KEY CONCEPT

Transformation is holistic change that touches the physical and spiritual aspects of the person as well as the cultural and structural aspects of society. It is neither superficial nor does it affect only one aspect of a person or community.

AREAS OF MINISTRY

World Missions works with several partners in the area of transformation.

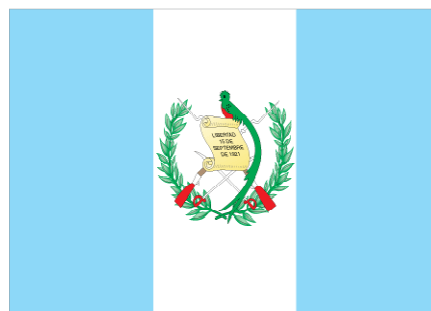
COUNTRY	PARTNER IN TRANSFORMATION
Dominican Republic	The Strategy of Transformation
Guatemala	The Strategy of Transformation
Haiti	Source of Hope
Nicaragua	Nehemiah Center
Nigeria	Daniel Center

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what types of ministry is the Strategy of Transformation in Guatemala engaged?
2. What is meant by the least, last, and lost?
3. How does Joel Van Dyke work?
4. How does Shorty say some Christians view the work of pastors and chaplains with the least, last, and lost in Guatemala? What was Shorty's response?
5. Who are the least, last, and lost in your community? Where they located?
6. In what ministry or ministries to those listed above are your church and/or individuals in your church engaged?
7. In what ways, if any, can your church or individual members become more engaged in ministry in your community? In your region? Internationally?
8. What is meant by the term holistic?
9. On a scale of one to ten, with ten being completely holistic, how would you evaluate the holistic nature of your church's ministries?

Fast Facts Guatemala

- Location: Central America
- Capital: Guatemala City
- Population: 13,300,000
- Size: slightly smaller than Tennessee
- Major Religions: Christian, indigenous Mayan beliefs
- Major Languages: Spanish (60%), Amerindian languages (40%)
- Ministry Partners: The Center for Transforming Mission, Liderazgo Juvenil Internacional



(taken from The World Factbook - <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gt.html>)

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Guatemala

1. **In what types of ministry is The Strategy of Transformation in Guatemala engaged?**
Chaplaincy among gang members in prisons, ministry to street kids and prostitutes, rehab centers, and leadership training.
2. **What is meant by the least, last, and lost?**
These are the people inhabiting the low places or hard places in a society. It includes people with low income, little education, gang members, street kids, prostitutes, and others.
3. **How does Joel Van Dyke work?**
Joel works with Central American leaders already engaged in ministry in the hard places. He walks beside them, encourages them, and teaches them a biblical foundation for their holistic ministry.
4. **How does Shorty say some Christians view the work of pastors and chaplains with the least, last, and lost in Guatemala? What was Shorty's response?**
He says that some Christians criticize their work because the people they work with are dirty. Shorty responds that God loves these people too.
5. **Who are the least, last, and lost in your community? Where are they located?**
Responses may vary.
6. **In what ministry or ministries to the least, last, and lost are your church and/or individuals in your church engaged?**
Responses may vary.
7. **In what ways, if any, can your church or individual members become more engaged in ministry in your community? In your region? Internationally?**
Responses may vary.
8. **What is meant by the term holistic?**
Holistic denotes the inclusion of the whole of reality or both the physical and spiritual aspects of human existence. Ministry neither focuses on the physical needs of the person or community to the exclusion of the spiritual nor vice versa. Neither does it focus on the individual to the exclusion of the community.
9. **On a scale of one to ten, with ten being completely holistic, how would you evaluate the holistic nature of your church's ministries?**
Responses may vary.