

Partnership Gathering Guide

Practice hospitality (10 minutes)

Hospitality is a crucial part of adopting a campus. Get a few pizzas, order some take-out, or at least have really good snacks. Take a few minutes for everyone to introduce themselves.

Watch and debrief the Adopt a Campus video (18 minutes)

Watch the Adopt a Campus video to see what happened when a couple students decided to adopt a campus 45 minutes away. Invite your potential partners to watch the video with you and ask them to pay attention to what God is stirring in them. Then debrief the video:

1. What stood out to you or caught your attention about the Delano story? Did you notice God stirring anything in you?
2. How is your imagination growing for what God could do at _____ campus?

Watch and debrief the People of Peace on Campus video (9 minutes)

Watch the People of Peace on Campus video, which unpacks the story of the Apostle Paul and his friends planting a church in the town of Philippi. The video highlights the types of people we look for on campus who could help plant the new ministry. Then debrief the video:

1. What stood out to you from the story of Acts 16?
2. How does the idea of searching for People of Peace (like Lydia and Angel) shape the way we could approach starting a new ministry at _____?

Network for connections on the adopted campus (5 minutes)

Work together to list out all the names of anyone you know from the campus you'll be adopting: friends from high school, church connections, transfer students, etc. Highlight the 3 marks of a person of peace from the video (1. Being open to God and to you, 2. Having a network of relationships, and 3. Being receptive and action oriented) Do any of the people you've listed seem to match this description?

Continue the search (5 minutes)

Continue exploring your networks to find connections to people on the adopted campus.

- Take a picture of your group of partners and invite everyone to post it on social media along with: "InterVarsity is coming to _____! Are you a student at ____? Do you know anyone at ____? We want to connect with you!" Follow up on any connections.
- Make plans to share the Adopt a Campus video at a chapter meeting (large group, leaders meeting, etc.) Ask people to share contacts of anyone they know on that campus.

Pray for revival (10 minutes)

Take some time to pray for the campus you're adopting. Ask God to give you all a heart of love for that place! Ask God to lead you to the people of peace he's already prepared in advance.

Plan your next steps together (3 minutes)

You and your partners have gained vision for adopting a campus and have begun to network for connections there. End your time together by setting a few next steps in place.

- Invite them to your next meeting with your Adopt a Campus coach to learn the tools you'll use to engage the campus on your first visit. Share the time and link to the video conference call.
- Set a day and time for your first campus visit! It should be after your next coaching time.