



Africa Leadership Study Activity Guide

As you seek to engage people with the research, consider utilizing these activities:

Creating a Mentoring Profile

Instructions:

- Break everyone into groups of 5-7 people.
- Share some of the data on the importance of mentoring from research respondents (pg 36) (5 min)
- Ask groups to share with each other examples of when they have been mentored and how it benefited them. (10 min)
- Finally, ask each group to come up with a set of characteristics that a good mentor has based on what they heard from those around the table (10 min)
- Have groups share with each other key items on their list
- Tell people they can upload their lists of mentor characteristics to the Seedbed and they will receive a Virtual Goodie Bag of resources.
- ALS can then bring these together and share a broader list of mentoring characteristics from African believers.

Are You Ready for a Challenge?

Instructions:

- Create three groups
- Assign each group one of the three top challenges that are being tackled by the Church and share what came out of the research on each topic: (5 min)
 - Engaging African Youth
 - Responding to the Growth of Islam
 - Confronting Political Issues
- Ask each group to list out ways these challenges are being addressed (5 min)
- Then ask each group to identify one aspect of the challenge that doesn't seem to be receiving attention and have them interact about how they might approach the issue creatively. (10 min)
- Tell people they can upload their approaches to each challenge to the Seedbed and they will receive a Virtual Goodie Bag of resources.
- ALS can then produce lists of creative approaches to these three issues as follow-up resources.
- ALS could also use these approaches as an initial list of potential areas to provide Seedbed grants

Investing in African Authors

Instructions:

- Keep everyone in a large group for this activity
- Share the data on readership of African Christian books (5 min)
- Ask the audience to share an African Christian author that they read and why (5 min)
- Using a white board or pad of paper, ask people to share topics they wish African Christian writers would write about (allow for the audience to self-correct and share if someone else knows a resource in an area brought up by another participant) (10 min)
- Take all the ideas and group them into common clusters (1-2 min)
- Facilitate a discussion about why these topics have not yet been addressed and what might be done to encourage authors and publishers to take them up. (5 min)
- Create a list of key topics that African believers want to see books on and upload as a resource for the Seedbed.

Responding to a Leader Profile

Instructions:

- Hand out a profile of a leader from the study or give people the choice between several.
- Have them read it (if it is not during an event) or read it aloud to everyone (10 min)
- Have a discussion with the following questions: (10 min)
 - What about this leader's upbringing impacted their leadership and service?
 - Where do you see the leader exhibiting Godly character as they lead?
 - What have you learned from hearing this leader's story?
- Then ask them to reflect quietly on what God would have them take away from what they learned. (5 min)
- Give people the chance to upload a response to a leader's profile to the Seedbed. These responses would be connected to the ability to view and read the profile of the leader done during the research.
- Tell people they can upload their profile responses to the Seedbed and they will receive a Virtual Goodie Bag of resources.