



CBF Advocacy

Biblical Resources on Immigration

Documentaries

The Foreigner Among Us – A documentary by the International Project that show us how God is using migration to share the gospel to the nations, and how we can reach those migrant communities for our Lord.

The Stranger – A documentary by the Evangelical Immigration Table that profiles three immigrant stories and includes interviews with local and national Christian leaders.

Articles

Asking the Right Question – Greg Smith, Evangelical Immigration Table.

Being a Neighbor and Modeling A Christian Response to Immigration – Rev. Dr. Bob Lee, CBF Blog.

The Bible as the Ultimate Immigration Handbook – Rev. Joan Maruskin, Church World Services

God's Questions – Elket Rodriguez, CBF Blog

What does the Bible Say about Immigration? – adapted from *Thinking Biblically about Immigrants and Immigration Reform*, Evangelical Immigration Table.

Bible Studies

22 Bible Verses about Welcoming Immigrants – An introductory meditation from Sojourners on what the bible says on welcoming the stranger.

Be Not Afraid: A bible study from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. This bible study will help you introduce the issues to your congregation and help them think about immigrants and immigration from a scriptural perspective.

I Was a Stranger: A 40 day bible reading plan from the Evangelical Immigration Table that encourages Christians to meditate on several Bible verses with the intent of rooting our views on immigration in the principles of the Bible. Also, check out the [I Was a Stranger bookmark](#), a bookmark that contains the 40 verses that comprise the *I Was a Stranger* challenge.

Immigration and the Bible: Issue 19 from the *Missio Dei*, a publication of the Mennonite Mission Network. This bible study provides some foundational understandings of immigration with the intent of



conveying to fellow Christians that the Bible should be their fundamental resource when approaching immigration issues.

Who is Welcome Here? – A bible study series that follows three Christian women on a journey to experience and understand the realities of immigrants and refugees as they learn how to show hospitality to their neighbors.

Guides, Toolkits & Manuals

Asylum Seekers Faith based Family Resource – A family friendly educational and practical resource from the Interfaith Immigration Coalition aimed at teaching children and youth about the realities that asylum seeking families experience on their journey to the United States

Church Leader's Guide to Immigration – From the Evangelical Immigration Table, this is a practical guide for pastors and church leaders who work in the front lines of ministry with immigrant communities with the focus of helping our churches to develop relationships and demonstrate the truth of the gospel to immigrants.

A Guide to Engaging Respectful Conversations About Immigration – This guide from the Evangelical Immigration Table is designed to encourage you to have tough conversations about immigration that are rooted in grace and truth and designed to encourage mutual respect, charitable discourse and understanding.

Hope and Hospitality Toolkit for Leaders – A comprehensive and multilingual manual for churches, from United Methodist Women, to address, to discuss, to comprehend and to approach immigration from a Biblical perspective.

Sanctuary Resource for Congregations – This resource from the CBF Advocacy Action Team for Immigrants and Refugees educates congregations about the history of Christian hospitality and sanctuary, offers an understanding of what it means to create a culture of sanctuary in your congregation, and offers some practical ministries that support immigrant populations around your church.

Books

Christ and the Common Life: Political Theology and the Case for Democracy (Luke Bretherton, Eerdmans, 2019)

Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible (M. Daniel Carroll, Brazos Press, 2013)

The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong (Karen Gonzales and Sandra van Opstal, Herald Press, 2019)

Living on the Borders: What the Church Can Learn from Ethnic Immigrant Culture (Mark Griffin and Theron Walker, Brazos Press, 2004)



Love Undocumented: Risking Truth in a Fearful World (Sarah Quezada and Alexia Salvatierra, Herald Press, 2017)

The Mission of Advocacy: A Toolkit for Congregations (Stephen Reeves and Katie Murray, Nurturing Faith, 2020)

Saved by Faith and Hospitality (Joshua Jipp, Eerdmans, 2017)

Strangers Next Door: Immigration, Migration and Mission (J.D. Payne, IVP Books, 2012)

Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk: A Christian's Guide to Engaging Politics (Eugene Cho, David C. Cook, 2020)

Untamed Hospitality: Welcoming God and Other Strangers (Elizabeth Newman, Baker Publishing Group, 2007)

The U.S. Immigration Crisis: Toward an Ethics of Place (Miguel A. De La Torre, Cascade Books, 2016)

Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate (Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang, IVP Books, 2018)

Poems, Songs, Hymns & Prayers

"A Girl Died at the Border," (set to the tune of "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, *Sojourners*, December 17, 2018)

"Hymns and Songs of Hospitality to Refugees and Immigrants," (Ben Brody, *The Hymn Society*, 2020)

"One Day, Naomi and Ruth Crossed the Border," (set to the tune of "God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us," words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, *Sojourners*, November 2, 2018)

"Prayers for the Arriving Children and their Families in Crisis," (Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Disciples Home Missions, July 2014)

