

# **The Missionary Task: Dealing With The Biblical and the Cultural**

## **Opening Skit**

Identify what kinds of misunderstandings take place because of cultural differences.

## **The Cross-Cultural Tasks that Missionaries Face**

- 1) Understanding and appreciating that Jesus crossed a cultural divide to bring salvation to mankind.
- 2) Understanding and appreciating that reading and interpreting the Bible is a cross-cultural task.
- 3) Communicating the gospel involves crossing a cultural gap.
- 4) Culture affects Bible translation.

5) Culture affects how we preach the gospel.

6) Culture affects how people build relationships.

7) Culture affects discipleship training.

8) Culture affects the style of church life.

9) As much as possible, the missionary needs to analyze what is Biblical and what is cultural. He should preach and teach on the Biblical principles, ideals, and history. He should put aside the cultural clothing of his Christian experience.