

OBJECTIVE: to make more aware of the social responsibilities of being Christian.

MATERIALS: Index cards

ACTIVITY: Have the students role play either/ or both of the following scenarios; or make up one of your own based on current social problems. **EXAMPLES:** racism, sexism, ageism, affirmative action, political correctness, etc.

SCENARIO I: The Personnel Office

Write out two identical resumes on index cards. **EXAMPLE: BS Degree in English - Iona College, Worked on the Standard Star for 2 years. Job: Staff writer for *Rolling Stone*.** Pick two students who are as physically different as is possible in your class. (Boy and girl, very tall and very short, *Preppy* and *Punky*, etc.) Give the students their resumes and tell them that they are going to be interviewed for the job. Put them out in the hall to prepare and so that they won't hear the others pitch. Depending on the size of your class pick one or two interviewers to sit in the front of class. Have the students come in one at a time to sell themselves to the interviewer/s. Have the interviewers pick one person for the job. Then have them explain to the class, by what criteria they made their choice. (You might want to write their reasons on the board.)

SCENARIO II: The Immigration Office

Write on index cards the identity of an immigrant trying to get into the United States.

EXAMPLE: Haitian Woman	Irish Man	Vietnamese man
Husband missing	College Educated	high school graduate
5th grade education	speaks English	speaks poor English
4 young children	Looking for job	has family in USA
Speaks only French	Unmarried	Political refugee
Russian Woman	Arab Man	
Jewish	Moslem	
has AIDS	married	
speaks English	doesn't speak English	
PhD	not educated	

Depending on the size of your class, pick one student to be the Immigration Officer and 2 - 4 students to be the immigrants. Give out the cards to the students chosen to be people trying to get into the USA. Have the student chosen to be the Immigration officer sit in the front of the class. Tell him/her that because of the quota system s/he can only let one person in this year. Which one will you pick? Why?