

## The Map of the Refugee Highway | Discussion Guide



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### Questions to help you explore the Map of the Refugee Highway

1. Why do people flee their country of origin?
2. What is a refugee?
3. Have you ever met a refugee? Tell us about it.
4. What is an Internally Displaced Person (IDP)?
5. What is an Asylum Seeker?
6. How many refugees, IDPs and asylum seekers are in the world?
7. Where do most refugees come from today?
8. Where are most refugees seeking refuge today?
9. What are the leading Countries of Resettlement in the world?
10. What is the Refugee Highway?
11. How old are most refugees?
12. What options do refugees have when it comes to finding a long-term solution to their displacement?
13. What role does faith play in the experience of forced displacement?
14. What do you find most interesting or surprising related to the map?
15. Are there any refugees in your community? school? workplace? church?
16. What might it look like for you and your church to show hospitality to refugees?
17. What does it mean, practically speaking, to help people survive and recover from forced displacement?
18. What can you and your church do to seek the welfare and protection of refugees in the world?

### Questions to explore what the Bible has to say about refugees

1. Can you think of any texts in the Bible that relate to refugees?
2. Who are some refugees mentioned in the Bible? Need help? Download and print the "*Refugees in the Bible*" discussion handout from [www.IAFR.org/resources](http://www.IAFR.org/resources) (look under *Important Perspectives*).
3. Read Psalm 107:1-9. What does this tell us about refugees? What does it tell us about God?
4. Read Leviticus 19:18 and 19:33,34. What do these texts tell us about refugees? What do they tell us about God's expectations of his people related to refugees?
5. Read Matthew 2:13-23. Why were Jesus and his family refugees?
6. Read Matthew 25:35,36. What are the marks of God's people in this text? How do these characteristics relate to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants?
7. Read Acts 8:1,2. Why was the early church forcibly displaced? What did they do as they sought out refuge?
8. Read Acts 18:1-3. How did the scope of Paul's ministry include refugees?

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## TEXTS and IMAGES

**Map Title Texts:** *“The REFUGEE HIGHWAY”* and *“The well-worn paths people travel...”* Written by Thomas Albinson. ©2026 International Association for Refugees.

**Text on Top Right Image:** *“The REFUGEE HIGHWAY... is filled with stories...”*

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**Text on Map:** *“Faithful Christian ministry will often take Jesus’ followers to places where hope is in short supply: places where a sense of hopelessness hangs over a community.”*

From *The New Testament in its World*, by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird, page 888. Published by Zondervan Academic, 2019.

**Text Under Map:** *“117.8 million women, children and men were forcibly displaced in the world at the end of 2025...”*

Written by Thomas Albinson. Statistical reference: UNHCR, Global Trends 2025 (published in 6/2026).

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**TOP REFUGEE HOSTING NATIONS**

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**MAJOR IDP POPULATIONS**

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**REFUGEE REALITIES**

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