

Refresh Proxe - New Student Outreach 2022

<p>Panel 1</p> 	<p>Hello, I'm _____ with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Have you voted on our campaign yet? We're talking to people about places you go to relax and be restored. We believe that natural beauty is a gift from God. Please vote on your favorite place.</p>
<p>Panel 2</p> 	<p>But the bad news is that our world is on fire. What destructive forces in our world bother you most?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Environmental Destruction ● Racism ● International War ● Greed <p>Where do you go when the destruction is overwhelming?</p> <p>I'm sorry to hear that. This one connects with me. (Share which bothers you the most and why.)</p>
<p>Panel 3</p> 	<p>We don't think the goal is to take a break from destruction.</p> <p>We are InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. We believe that Jesus enters into our deserts to transform everything.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"I have come to give the good life, a life that overflows with beauty and harmony." —Creator Sets Free (Jesus), John 10:10, First Nations Version</p> <p>What do you like about this quote from Jesus?</p> <p>May I share with you how we get Jesus' refreshment? Check out this allegory about Creator that some Native American leaders wrote.</p>
<p>Panel 4</p> 	<p>In the desert, we turned our backs on Creator. We drank the sand to satisfy our thirst.</p> <p>In a stunning act of love, Creator Sets Free joined us in the desert and brought us living water.</p> <p>Creator invites us to drink freely and journey with him. On a scale of 1 to 10, how interested are you in a close relationship with Creator Sets Free?</p> <p>If they say yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite them to join you in learning more about Jesus at your Bible study. 2. Invite them to listen to the whole allegory. 3. Share the Big Story and invite them to respond.

Full Gospel Allegory

It starts in the beginning. Creator was there in nothingness. Then Creator spoke and made the light, the land, the water, and the people. Creator gave us water to nourish the land. And our bodies and souls thrived. In Creator's garden, everything was beautiful. We would talk and take walks with Creator in perfect harmony.

But one day, a seed of suspicion grew in our minds. We questioned if there was something better than Creator's water, and decided to quench our thirst our own way. We turned our backs on Creator, and made our home in the parched desert. And it claimed us. In the desert we drank the sand to satisfy our thirst. We became like the sand we were drinking. We turned on one another. We hurt and killed each other, and abused the land. We wandered in the dry and thirsty desert, and lost hope.

Creator saw our suffering, and how we turned on each other. In a surprising act of love, Creator joined us in the desert. He entered our dry and dusty world. Creator sent his Son, Jesus, which means Creator Sets Free.

Jesus came to set us free from our thirsty and cracked souls. He brought hope to the desert, offering us living water. Some people drank freely of this delicious gift, but others continued to choke down the sand. They saw the living water as a threat, and decided to kill Jesus. Creator Sets Free died.

But the story doesn't end there. Creator tricked death, and the tomb became a spring! Creator Sets Free rose from the dead and became the living water to the world. From then until now, we all may drink of his living water, and our deepest thirsts can finally be satisfied. When we trust Jesus and walk with Creator, this new life and love overflows our souls, rippling through our lives and communities.