



PARACHUTE DROP

Imagine Jesus has dropped you into a culture that has no Biblical paradigm, and God is just an optional concept with no foundation of knowledge or understanding. There is no shared commitment to absolute truth, and the Bible has no credibility.

How would you start?

Where would you start?

With whom would you start?

Consider the questions below (three categories) to help you determine your first steps:

CAPACITIES (Passions and Proclivities)

What unique skills, talents, or knowledge do I bring that could serve people here?

How can I maintain spiritual resilience and growth in an unfamiliar environment?

Which of my personal values resonate universally, and how can I live them out in this context?

What attitudes or habits might I need to adjust to connect well with people here?

How can I share parts of myself genuinely without forcing my faith or worldview on others?

What areas of growth do I need to develop to adapt and be effective in this culture?

CONTEXTS (Paradigms and Patterns)

What are the primary beliefs, values, and symbols that define this culture?

How do people here define concepts like purpose, family, spirituality, and community?

What are the key traditions, customs, and rituals, and what do they signify?

How do people here understand moral and ethical behavior?

What historical events or figures have shaped this culture's worldview?

How are different generations or social groups connected and distinct in this culture?

CONNECTIONS (People and Potential)

What are the community's main needs and concerns, and how are they addressed?

Who holds influence here, and how can I connect with them?

How do people typically build and sustain relationships in this culture?

What are common places or occasions where people gather and interact?

How do people respond to acts of kindness or service from outsiders?

Where do I see potential opportunities to contribute meaningfully to the community?

