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A GLOBAL STRATEGY PODCAST

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Key Takeaway

Strong global partnerships thrive when churches move beyond financial support alone and commit to listening, learning, and serving together across cultures.

SUMMARY

In this episode, Samir Salibi shares the remarkable story of how the At Home project began among refugees in Paris. After years of searching for ways to help the church engage people outside its walls, Samir sensed God's leading to welcome refugees arriving in France. Through prayer, Scripture, relationship-building, and deep listening, At Home emerged as a multicultural missional community focused on serving refugees through friendship, practical support, discipleship, and shared life. The conversation challenges listeners to rethink the role of the church, moving beyond programs and events toward intentional relationships that embody the love of Christ.

Scripture passage: John 1:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Listen: 15:10-15:50.* Why is it important that churches care for both spiritual and physical needs? What happens when one is emphasized and the other neglected?
2. *Listen: 15:50-22:50.* Samir talks about the church making disciples, moving people from “a crowd to a community.” How is “making disciples” different from simply teaching biblical knowledge? Who has discipled you through relationship rather than instruction alone?
3. *Listen: 31:00-34:17.* What would it look like for your church to listen deeply to its surrounding community before deciding how to serve?
4. *Listen: 41:00-48:07.* How can churches support international ministry partners in ways that demonstrate mutual respect?
5. What practical steps can individuals or churches take to better understand the experiences of refugees and displaced people in their own communities?

REFLECTION QUESTION

Who are the people in your community that may be isolated, overlooked, or disconnected? What is one intentional step you could take this month to build a genuine relationship and create space for belonging, hospitality, and spiritual conversation?