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Day 3-4  Antigua - Chajul
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**Introduction Meeting 1**, Date TBD: Program Introduction, Overview of Chajul & Contemporary Guatemalan History

- **Watch:**
  - Limitless Horizons Ixil “What We Do”
  - TBD

- **Read:**

- **Listen:**

**Introduction Meeting 2**, Date TBD: Critical Service Learning/ Community Engagement

**Critical Service Learning/ Community Engagement**

- **Watch:**

- **Read:**

**Introduction Meeting 3**, Date TBD: Community Engagement and Development Tracks- Global Health, Quality Education, Youth Civic Development and Peace Education, Gender Equality

- **All read:**

- **Select One Tract:**
  - **Global Health**


- Quality Education
  


- Youth Civic Development and Peace Education
  


- Gender Equality
  


- TBD

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