

WHAT IS MISSIONS?

MISSIONS WEEK

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I. WHAT IS MISSIONS?

A. *Mission (definition)*

- a specific task with which a person or a group is charged
- a calling (a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action especially when accompanied by conviction of divine influence)

1. Here are synonyms for missions to help give us some context:

- assignment
- charge
- job

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

B. *Missions is God's assignment to us.*

- Jerusalem – Your home
- Judea - Our larger community
- Samaria – Places that make us feel uncomfortable
- End of the Earth – Everywhere else!

II. MISSIONS AT CALVARY

A. *God First*

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1. His promises:

- Protection

Psalms 91:1-2 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

- Peace

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

- Path

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

- Provision

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

2. Live a Missional Life

- Pray
- Live
- Talk

B. People are the Priority

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1. Unreached People Group

- an ethnic group without an indigenous, self-propagating Christian church that has enough Christians to evangelize the rest of the nation

C. Healthy Things Grow

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1. Making a disciple requires investing in someone’s life.

2. Making a disciple is like growing a Christian.

- Plant the seed
- Water them
- Make sure they get enough light

D. We Get To Do This

1. We have the hope the world is looking for. Jesus.

Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Philemon 1:6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

2. Live a missional life

- Educate yourself.
- Give
- Go
- Pray