

# *Missions Workshop.....*

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1. Lets take time to discuss together why you are attending a missions workshop and what the interests people have in missions are.

2. Exploring the Scriptures:

Habakkuk 2:14	Matthew 24:14	Revelation 7:9, 10
Genesis 12:1-3 & 22:15-18	Isaiah 49:6	Matthew 9:35-38
Matthew 28:19-20	Mark 16:15	Luke 19:10
Luke 24:44-48	John 4:35	John 20:21-23
	Acts 1:8	

Answer the following questions:

- a. What is God's vision for the world?
- b. What is God's heart for the Nations?
- c. What is His plan for the Nations?

3. What is the condition of the World?

One of three people in the world has no true believer in Christ near them to explain the gospel even if they wanted to hear about Christ. 2 Billion People

Nine of ten people in the world are lost and without Christ

2 out of every 3 people in the world have never heard a clear explanation of faith in Christ

There are more lost people in India than in Canada, US, South America, Central Asia and Africa combined.

Less than 5% of the people in the world live in North America, yet there are 95% of the world's Christian workers. There is an estimated one, full-time, paid evangelical worker in North America for every 200 people

In a recent survey of Bible College & Seminary Students (70,000 people), 95% intend to remain in North America and 5% are interested in serving in missions

In Russia, 3% of the entire population attends church weekly, 43% in the US.

4. We know God's heart for the Nations and the need is great to take the gospel to the Nations. What is the Answer? Look together at Matthew 9:31-36

5. But, how do you know if you should consider something in missions?

a. Consider your history... what has God done in your life to give you an interest or heart for missions outside of your home country?

b. Where is your heart... has God been speaking to your heart about missions overseas?

c. What is happening now...what are your circumstances that speak to missions?

d. What do you sense from your history, heart and current circumstances that God may be saying to you about overseas missions?

6. What should you do to see if God wants to send you overseas?

a. Look at your temperament, talents, and issues that may equip or hinder an overseas missions experience.

b. Look at your current ministry, are you having one? One of the greatest indicators of a successful missions career is seeing God bless your life and ministry in your home country. Be available for as much training and ministry development now as your circumstances allow.

c. Read about missions and learn as much as you can about missionaries, the current needs around the world and challenges in missions today.

d. Go on missions trips. Short-term trips are great, but spending a year overseas gives you a much better indication of God's equipping you for overseas missions.

e. Pray and be responsive to the spirit's prompting.

7. Some of the greatest hindrances to going overseas a missionary are:

a. Putting it off or delaying it for the next degree or career stability or being financially set or marriage, etc, has proved to be the major factor in a person not going overseas. The longer one delays going overseas, for whatever good reason, the greater the odds are that they never will go.

b. Well meaning friends and family, even Navigators, can be a hindrance to someone going overseas. Most of the time it will take loving determination to keep on an overseas track in the face of the people who love us.

c. Fears that can often be overwhelming are a great hindrance. Can I learn a language, what about a strange place, will I ever find a mate, etc, are all real fears that attack our calling and faith.