

Local and Global Missions Emphasis

How can we be involved in what God is doing in the world around us?

Scripture Focus: Matthew 24-25

Over the month of May, we will be emphasizing local and global missions and our participation in them together as a church. We believe that because Jesus is coming back we want to be ready, be investing, and be serving so that people will know Jesus.

STARTER

“Missions” is a bit of churchy word. What is your understanding of missions and how have you seen mission discussed in your life?

Our mission is clear in Matthew 28, when Jesus tells those gathered after his resurrection to “make disciples” of all the nations. As we discuss this in our lives, we want to look at it in light of Jesus imminent return.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE

Please have someone in the group read Matthew 24:1-14

In that passage, how does Jesus describe the signs of the end of the age?
What aspect of this passage hints at our participation in the coming of Jesus?

Please have someone in the group read Matthew 25:1-13

What truth is Jesus communicating through this story?
What does the parable tell us a characteristic of Christians will be?

MAKING IT REAL

What is the mission that Jesus has given to us as Christians? How essential is this mission?

In what ways, can we intentionally prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Jesus?

PRAYER

Please take a time together to pray for these three things.

- That we would always be ready for the return of Jesus
- That the Gospel would be preached throughout the nations
- That the love of Jesus would impact our local community in real ways