

## 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**

What do you believe are some of the obstacles to the Gospel in our area?

As we focus on this theme of AWAKEN, we have been talking about the return of Jesus and how it informs our present day living as Christians. Together we want to be a church that is seeking to love others audaciously through serving and sharing the Gospel.

### **GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE**

Please have someone in the group read Matthew 25:31-46

What does the fact that Jesus comes to divide the people tell us about the judgement of God?

What seems to be the dividing factor of who ends up in the sheep and the goats?

What surprises both groups?

What does it look like to serve people with the Gospel?

### **MAKING IT REAL**

On Sunday, Pastor David referenced 1 Peter 4, where it says that we are to “arm ourselves” with the mind of Christ. What does this look like in our lives and why is it essential to living for Jesus?

How have we been called to serve locally and globally for the cause of the Gospel?

### **PRAYER**

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

- That we would always be serving in light of the return of Jesus
- That the Gospel would be proclaimed throughout the nations
- That the love of Jesus would impact our local community in real ways