

Why are We Here? What are we here FOR?



The point of this workshop is to consider how we can help the members of our churches to live missional lives.

Biblical Basis

1. What was God's purpose in creating man? Gen 1-3
What should that have looked like after the Fall? Verses to consider: Gen 17: 3-8; Isaiah 11, 12; Habakkuk 2: 14; Ezekiel 36: 26. What went wrong?

2. What was Jesus' purpose for His followers? Verses to consider: Matt 5: 14-16; John 17:17-21; Luke 9: 23; Romans 12: 1-2; Matt 9: 35-38; 10: 5-10; 28: 19-20; Acts 1:8

Suggestion for later: Do a word study on 'nations'.

Church history

1. What did God's purpose for man look like in the first few centuries AD?

2. What did mission look like from 500 to 1700 AD?

3. What about the last 300+ years?

4. How are we doing today? How are we like/not like the Jews in our attitudes to the non-Christian world? Who actually does mission?

5. Who is called to mission?

Our churches today

1. What does a missional church look like today? What else could it look like?

2. How can we help ourselves and our church members to think and live missionally? (Consider the different age groups and activities in our churches.)

Self-reflection

What is my life purpose?

How am I living that out now?

“Mission is for now, worship is forever” - John Piper

God made us to live in Him and to help others to know Him, wherever that is and however I am gifted.