

Missions

Mission / Missions does not occur in the scriptures. We use the term to describe or define:

- 1) The goal that is desired of an individual or organization
- 2) The effort to spread the Christian faith.

What would be the difference between:

- Local missions
- Cross cultural missions
- Long distance missions

Why is it important for a church to have a clear definition of Missions?

What activities would fit within Biblical parameters in spreading the Christian faith?

What role could social services / good works fit within a Biblical framework for missions?

Why would it be important for a church to have a clear missions and missionary policy?

What topics would be important to cover in a Church Missions Policy?

Is it necessary for a church to have a Missions Committee? Why or why not? What would be the advantages / disadvantages for having a Missions Committee?

What criteria would be important in setting up a Missions Committee and selecting members?

Who should determine who would be on such a Missions Committee

Are there any Biblical requirements for the organization of such a Committee?

What responsibilities does a church have in:

- Raising up missionaries?
- Sending out missionaries?
- Support of missionaries on the field?
 - Is financial support enough? Why or why not?
 - What other type of support should be given to missionaries on the field?
- Developing new fields of missions?
- Care of missionaries home from the field?

What are the pros and cons of a Missions Agency? (Any para-church organization)

Pros

Cons

What should be the relationship between a local church and a Missions Agency?

What criteria should be used for evaluating a Missions Agency?

What criteria should be used for determining who to send out / support as missionaries?

- Character qualities
- Spiritual gifts
- Educational achievements
- Experience

What are the advantages / disadvantages for each type of missionary

Career Missionary

Short Term Missionary

Missionary Project Worker

What guidelines can help a church figure out support levels for a missionary?

How should the missions budget relate to the rest of the church budget?

What factors should determine the level of support for a missionary?

What is the advantage / disadvantage of one church fully supporting a missionary?

What is the advantage / disadvantage of a missionary being supported by multiple churches?

How can / should the local church help a missionary with raising support?

What provisions should be made for missionary furlough (home field ministries)?

What provisions should be made for missionary retirement?

When should support begin?

When should support end?

What about outgoing / establishment expenses?

What about support of National (native) workers whom the church will not meet personally?

What criteria should be used for evaluating continued missionary support?

What is the church's responsibility toward designated gifts

Legally?

Morally?