

Missions Groups Strategy

For a Missions Group to be effective at producing disciples who are living on mission, certain things must be true. The Mission Group Strategy below will serve to best set your group up for Gospel Urgency and intentionally focusing on the Great Commission. There are non-negotiable rules, recommended guidelines, and a space for your group to add (with unanimous consensus anything extra).

REQUIRED RULES

There are 4 things that make a Missions Group successful:

- **Learning about missions** means that we understand what God says about making His name known throughout the earth. While missionary stories provide ways we can pray for our missionaries, their stories also become our case studies for what we can do locally.
- **Praying for missions** means that we not only pray for missionaries, but we pray for more Gospel opportunities to be had around the world, in our nation, and at our very door.
- **Giving to missions** means that as we learn about God's work around the world, that we must sacrificially give to offerings for international, North American, and state missions; and global hunger; and through the Cooperative Program, *the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) unified plan of giving*.
- **Serving in missions** means that we take the Great Commission seriously and understand that the teachings and actions of Jesus show that the Christian faith is not stagnant but active and participatory. This means that our group is intentional on sharing the gospel in word and deed through missions projects and activities.

MISSIONS DISCIPLESHIP

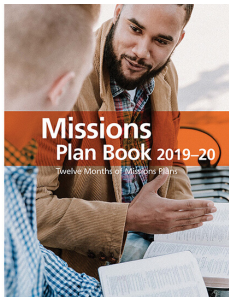
A missions discipleship group is actively fulfilling the Great Commission. They are encouraging one another, through accountability, to step out of their comfort zones share the Gospel with their neighbors, friends, and others in their community. They will identify measurable, reasonable, and meaningful ways to take risks for the sake of the Gospel.

MAKE DISCIPLES

Each member will identify and commit to disciple at least one person during their time in this group.

Suggested resources and group plan

SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Missions Plan Book - \$16.99; \$14.99 (digital)

Comprehensive resource for growing missions involvement in your missions group. Each book contains 12 monthly units including a Bible Study, mission study, prayer page, and group plan. Quarterly articles offer ideas for mission action, leaders, Families on Mission, and Project Help: Refugees.



Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide - \$19.99; \$17.99 (digital)

Comprehensive guide to help you focus your plans for the entire year. This easy-to-use, 96-page guide will introduce you to the year's overarching themes and special projects and give you insight into all things WMU. *(optional, but gives a great at-a-glance look missions projects and special emphasis information)*

MONTHLY GROUP PLAN

Week 1: Bible Study - Discuss how to live out the Gospel Challenge to daily life?

Week 2: Mission Study - Identify the elements or the missionary story you can apply to your local community and context?

Week 3: Engage in missions - Make a plan to engage with a missions agency such as the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, the Missions Department at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, or with Kentucky WMU. Each agency has varying ways to participate in missions action. OR adopt a ministry and do something locally.

Week 4: Debrief your monthly missions involvement. Share your experiences. Pray for those whom you have connected with and encourage one another, in love, to follow through on sharing the Gospel. Follow the example of the church in Acts, and encourage one another to live "on-mission" together.