

What Matters?
“Missions Matter”
Reference: **Matthew 24:14**
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Missions has to do with you and me taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to every people, tribe and nation on earth. It has to do with the command God has given us to preach the gospel, to make disciples around the world. Jesus indicated that this work was to begin at home in our own community and spread from there. Missions is the very purpose for our church. You and I, are the church, therefore, missions are the very purpose for your existence and mine.

I. The Great Commission

References: **Mark 16:15; Mark 24:14**

- A. Jesus said the gospel we share is about the kingdom.
- B. Jesus said that the mission will be accomplished.
- C. Jesus said that our mission concerns all nations, not just people.
- D. Jesus said that suffering will be the price and the means of fulfilling the Great Commission. - Reference: **Matthew 24:15**

II. Does missions matter?

- A. It matters to God - when Adam fell God went looking for him. When humanity was lost and without hope in this world He sent His Son. Reference: **Luke 19:10**
- B. It matters to disciples - If you care about the glory of God, the eternal destiny of the people you love and even those you don't love, if you care about being obedient to the call of God, then missions matter.
- C. It matters to the people in hell. Reference: **Luke 16**
- D. Missions matters to God, to real disciples and to the people in hell, but does it matter to you?

III. If missions matter to you, you can demonstrate your concern in five ways:

- A. Share your faith.
- B. Share your life.
- C. Pray.
- D. Give.
- E. Go.

Here at Shadow Mountain Church, we believe in missions. As a church, we have chosen a robust way to support missions corporately by financially supporting, and actively working with these missions, and offering ways for you to be individually active in missions:

Locally:

City of Refuge – Home, Hope and help for Pregnant Women & Teens
Austin's House – Caring for Children in Crisis
Life Choices – Community Pregnancy Center
Mollies House - Safe haven for girls affected by sex trafficking

Nationally:

SBC: North American Mission Board (which is U.S.A., Canada, Mexico etc.)

Internationally:

SBC: International Mission Board
Operation Christmas Child – year round collection and church-wide packing
Aaron's Hands (India) – feeding program
Compassion International - supporting your individual opportunity
Harvesters International – financial support and partnership – also will be offering opportunities to GO to various mission points