

Understand Your Church Leaders' Priorities

Questions to ask your senior pastor

1. What directions have you and our other church leaders set for our congregation that should/could be reflected in our missions priorities?
2. From your perspective, what types of outreach are we doing (or what could we do) that would be most effective?
3. Are/Do you want to be personally involved in cross-cultural missions? If so, what do you enjoy doing or think you would enjoy? * Would you prefer to travel with your spouse on missions trips?
4. How could our church's outreach/missions program better support your efforts to disciple our own people? For example, are there character traits, skills, or passions you would like to see our people develop on short-term trips that would complement what you see God doing here?
5. What do you think is the best way to share missions passion and communicate global-outreach information to our congregation?
6. How would you like to see our missions program improve over the next several years?
7. Would you like our missions team to provide you with possible sermon illustrations from our missionaries and missions efforts? If so, how could we make that most useful to you?
8. What other advice do you have for me as I begin in this leadership role?

 **Before your meeting, you may also want to think about how you would answer the questions your pastor may ask you including:**

1. What is the most important thing you would like your pastor to do to support or encourage you and your leadership team?
2. How would you answer questions #2, 4, and 6 above?

* If it is helpful, you might share with your pastor some options for their involvement:

- visiting our missionaries and/or national workers to provide encouragement and counsel
- preaching in a national church
- training national pastors
- leading one of our short-term service trips
- sharing with international students here
- developing a relationship with the pastor of an immigrant church in our region