

What Is Most Strategic for Our Church?

A Missions Leadership Team Worksheet

All of these criteria represent important needs, but each church will be drawn by certain factors more than others. As a missions leadership team, prayerfully consider this list. Evaluate them by what you see as key biblical mandates. Factor in your people's gifting and your current opportunities. Finally, ask God to confirm to you those priorities your church should focus on.

- ☞ **Unreached people**—Outreach to distinct ethnic groups who have little or no access to the gospel. These are often referred to UPGs—unreached people groups.

- ☞ **Multiplication of impact**—Ministries that exponentially expand results. Examples: church-planting movements and training of leaders to multiply themselves.

- ☞ **Responsiveness**—Ministry in breakthrough places where significant numbers of people seem to be ready to accept Christ and be disciplined. Large-scale examples: The church has been growing rapidly in sub-Saharan Africa as well as among the Dalits of India.

- ☞ **Window of Time**—Ministry in places where there is unusual opportunity that may last for only a short period of time. Examples: Open doors in the former USSR after the fall of communism and in tsunami-devastated areas of Indonesia.

- ☞ **Invitation to Partner**—Joining hands with brothers and sisters from another place who are asking fellow believers to come and work alongside them. Example: Churches in Lebanon are looking to Western churches to help them minister to the overwhelming flood of Syrian refugees.

- ☞ **Seriousness of Need**—Ministry to meet large-scale, desperate problems. Examples: The refugee crisis, human trafficking, poverty, lack of clean water, etc...

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