

Mid-term Assignment

- Download Handout (you'll want it for the details)

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- **Assess your context and identify the next steps for missions by answering the following in a 5-6 page paper (double spaced, Times Roman 12 pt, 1 inch margins):**

- How is God at work in your neighborhood/ community? Ask 3-5 people. (NOTE: The request is NOT for ministry within the walls of the church building) 1 page.

Utilize two of the following three contextualization tools to assess your community.

1½ - 2 pages.

2. Map Your Neighborhood/Community

- Describe the geographic, social, and spiritual layers of your community.
- What opportunities did you see to alert people to the reign of God in word and deed?
- What places of brokenness and need were identified?

1. Prayer Walk with at least two other people

- Describe what you did. Who participated?
- What opportunities did you see to alert people to the reign of God in word and deed?
- What places of brokenness and need were identified?

3. Cultural Exegesis

- Describe the story, space, idols, and conflict that exist in your neighborhood/community.
- What opportunities did you see to alert people to the reign of God in word and deed?
- What places of brokenness and need were identified?

C. As a result of your assessment (B),

- What missions could be explored in your context?
- Why?
- Give biblical, theological, historical, and practical support for your ideas. 2-3 pages.
HINT: This should be the bulk of your paper

D. What are your next steps? What do you still need to explore? ½ page

Prayer Walking

Identify the neighborhood.

What area can you realistically pray for in the time you've allotted?

Map the route, set the date time and place.

Invite people to join you.

Prayer walking is a great introduction to the community
It is also wonderful for people who have preconceived ideas about what is going on

Communicate: You may want to let partners in the area know what you are doing.

Go in teams.

Pray specifically. Offer petitions and praise for the way God is moving in your community.

When you meet people who ask you what you are doing, be prepared with an answer.

Use this as an opportunity to be a blessing in your neighborhood
Ask if there is anything that you can pray for them...and pray, right then.

Map Your Community

Geographic Layer

Social Layer:

- Who lives here?
- Census
 - Helpful
 - Caution
- Walk the streets

• Spiritual Layer:

- Subjective
- Plot on map really good conversations you have.

Cultural Exegesis

Bring the meaning out of the context
What can be adapted, adopted, or rejected?

1. Story

How is truth conveyed?

- Watch TV
- Read the newspaper
- Listen to local bands
- Build Relationships

- 2. Space (see handout)
- Where do people live, work and play?
- 3. Idols
- What are the idols?
- 4. Conflict
- How is it demonstrated, lived out, internalized?

Bonus: Ten Tips

1. Go as a learner.
2. Seek out an informant
3. Build a relationship
4. Use an interview guide
5. Analyze your data
6. Filter through Bible
7. Expand into broader community
8. Network available resources
9. Determine is what God is calling you to do
10. Continue to evaluate, study and explore