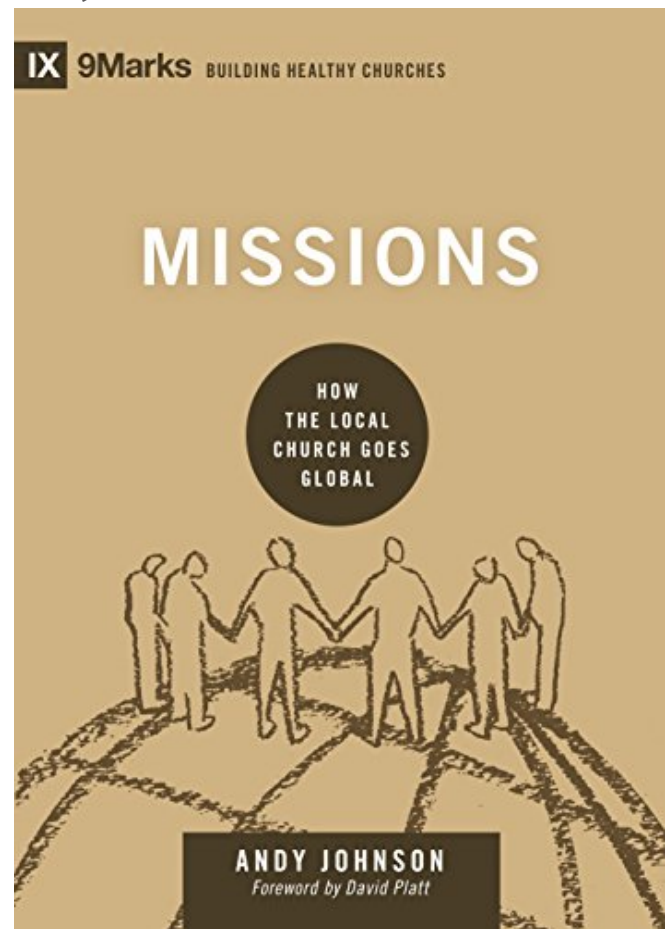


In 2009, the elders of Grace Bible Church hammered out our church's philosophy of missions. This culminated in a five-sermon series that Smedly preached between March and May in that same year. (If you haven't heard those sermons yet, you're missing out!) The gist of that missions grid is that missions must be about the glory of God in the gospel of Jesus Christ, manifested in the church around the world. This conviction informs how we do missions at GBC.

If our missions grid was articulated in less than 120 pages, it would read very much like *Missions: How the Local Church Goes Global* by Andy Johnson. This little book articulates a robust understanding of the Bible's teaching on missions. Who should do missions? What is the goal of missions? How should I think about short-term mission trips? Am I a faithful supporter of missions? What is missions not? All of these questions and many more are answered in this succinct explanation of biblical missions. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy this book!

- Omri Miles



### Suggested One-Month Reading Plan:

*(about 3 pages per day)*

#### Week 1: May 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Forward - 4 pages  
Introduction - 4 pages  
Chapter 1 - 10 pages  
Chapter 2 – 6 pages

#### Week 2: May 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 3 – 22 pages  
Chapter 4 – 16 pages

#### Week 3: May 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 5 - 13 pages  
Chapter 6 – 24 pages

#### Week 4: May 27<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Chapter 7 - 16 pages  
Conclusion - 4 pages

### HELPFUL RELATED RESOURCES

1. Smedly's missions sermon series from 2009  
(<http://www.gbcaz.org/series/missions/>)
2. Missions Conference, Grace Community Church, Jacksonville, FL  
(<http://www.gracejax.org/sermons>)
  - Smedly taught six times at a missions conference recently. You can find those sermons by using his name as a filter.
3. Joel James - "Regaining Our Focus: A Response to the Social Action Trend in Evangelical Missions"  
(<https://www.tms.edu/m/msj25c.pdf>)
4. Jerry Wragg - "Don't Seek the Food that Perishes"  
(<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/2481>)
5. Jon Anderson - "Theological Critique of Tim Keller's Center Church"  
(<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/2482>)
6. Joel James - "What is the Mission of Missions?"  
(<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/2484>)