

## Asking Missional Questions To Dissect Your City by Will Plitt

I have had the great privilege of taking several core groups through the planting process of what it looks like to be a missionary, a missiologist, and a sociologist to the area that God has called you to reach. With this calling comes certain questions that must be answered, which will help to more fully understand the context into which you are taking the gospel. While this is not an exhaustive list, these questions help to create a framework for you to look through in order to better understand the culture that God has called you to reach.

- Who lives there?
- What is the culture like? .
- What are the hopes and dreams of the people?
- What are the fears?
- How have people been wounded?
- How do people spend their time?
- Where do their loyalties lie?
- What turns people off?
- What divides the area?
- What do people do - occupationally speaking?
- What prevailing sins are among the people?
- What are the idols of the culture?
- What brings people together?
- What are the causes that people relate to and support?
- What are the "white elephants" in the area?
- Who are the voices that shape the community and who do people listen to?
- How does the history of your area affect the present attitudes and views?
- What is their view of Christians and of the church?
- What does the church need to apologize for?
- How will the gospel address all of these questions?