

Missions & Millennials

As we continue to explore what is unique about the Millennials generation, we find that they have a deep passion to change the world. This passion is not exclusive to this generation, however, the uniqueness is in how they express it, the values they embrace, and the approach they take in implementing their initiatives.

1. The first thing we learned is to ask right and hard questions, and not make a sales pitch for folks in this age group.
2. We learned that we need to have a mutual understanding of certain terms such as: Missions, Outreach, Discipleship, and Evangelism.
3. Since Millennials are in their earlier years of adulthood, they seek to be involved with a mission that is larger than them.
4. We continue to wrestle with the tension between large impact vs personal impact.
5. To establish a common ground that will keep conversations and engagement happening, we aligned our missions initiatives to respond to Biblical causes that will answer the compassion and justice questions.
6. Together we redefined the 'Missions Field'. The mission field at CATC starts on campus with every person that doesn't have a redeeming relationship with God.
7. We teach that the world is a set of cultures and just countries to help us respond in a constructive way to the needs of the communities beyond us.
8. We encourage everyone who is interested in missions to start local and grow global.
9. Our commitment to mutual accountability is received very well from our partners, and resonates a lot with Millennials.
10. CATC missions' leaders thrive to provide community for people participating in their area.

Missions with/and to Millennials is an area that we continue to seek creative ways to grow in and learn about. We know that as an established congregations we have a lot of work to do more than the younger congregations, that is why we are emphasizing on what we call 'side door ministries' that provide a space for the entrepreneurial spirit in Millennials to maneuver.