

MISSIONARY MOTIVATIONS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE QUESTIONABLE
MAT Retreat 2026 Case Study Instructions

In preparation for the Case Study session, please ransack the Scriptures (both OT and NT) looking for motivations for missions. The focus should be good motivations, but you should also note bad and questionable motivations. From your study, list at least eight good motivations, giving the text/context for each one. From your study, also list three or four bad motivations and three or four questionable motivations, again giving the text/context for your point.

In addition to the Scriptural study, we ask that you read M. R. Conrad's excellent missionary devotional book, [*Daring Devotion*](#). (This is the first of three books in a series. Each has 31 chapters for possible use as a daily devotional read.) As you read, note the missionary motivations that are evident in the lives of those missionaries highlighted in the book. From this reading you should come up with at least 10 motivations: good, bad, or questionable. However, in this book you will find mostly good motivations.

During the Case Study session, we will have you work in groups to come up with the "best" motivations for each category (good, bad, and questionable). We hope to also be able to help you analyze your own motivations for serving the Lord.