

- Refugee: a person who has fled their home country because of war or persecution; that is, people who feel they need to flee their country to save their lives and/or freedom.
 - o Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were refugees when they fled to Egypt.
 - o Often, they have only what they can carry in a hurry and are generally considered among the most vulnerable and poor of the world.
 - o Christians should care, because God cares. Throughout the Bible, we see that God is a God who loves and cares for the oppressed, the strangers, and the aliens.

- There are currently almost 17 million refugees across the world, with another 33 million displaced within their own country (the highest number since WWII).
 - o Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Palestine, Somalia, DRC, Sudan, and Myanmar among other countries

- Most of these refugees live in large refugee camps which are usually very cramped, unsanitary, and very dangerous places, especially to women and children. They are depressed places where most people have no work or ambition.
 - o The average time a person spends in a refugee camp before finally being resettled somewhere is 17 years.
 - o Less than 1% have an opportunity to leave each year.

- All these are reasons for us to pray and reasons many Christians and Christian missionaries are ministering in just these places.