Re-Visioning



Your Community



Worship?

A particular ministry?



Member's preferences?

What Shapes Your Church?



Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Mission Shaped Church

Matthew 28:18-20

AS YOU ARE GOING

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

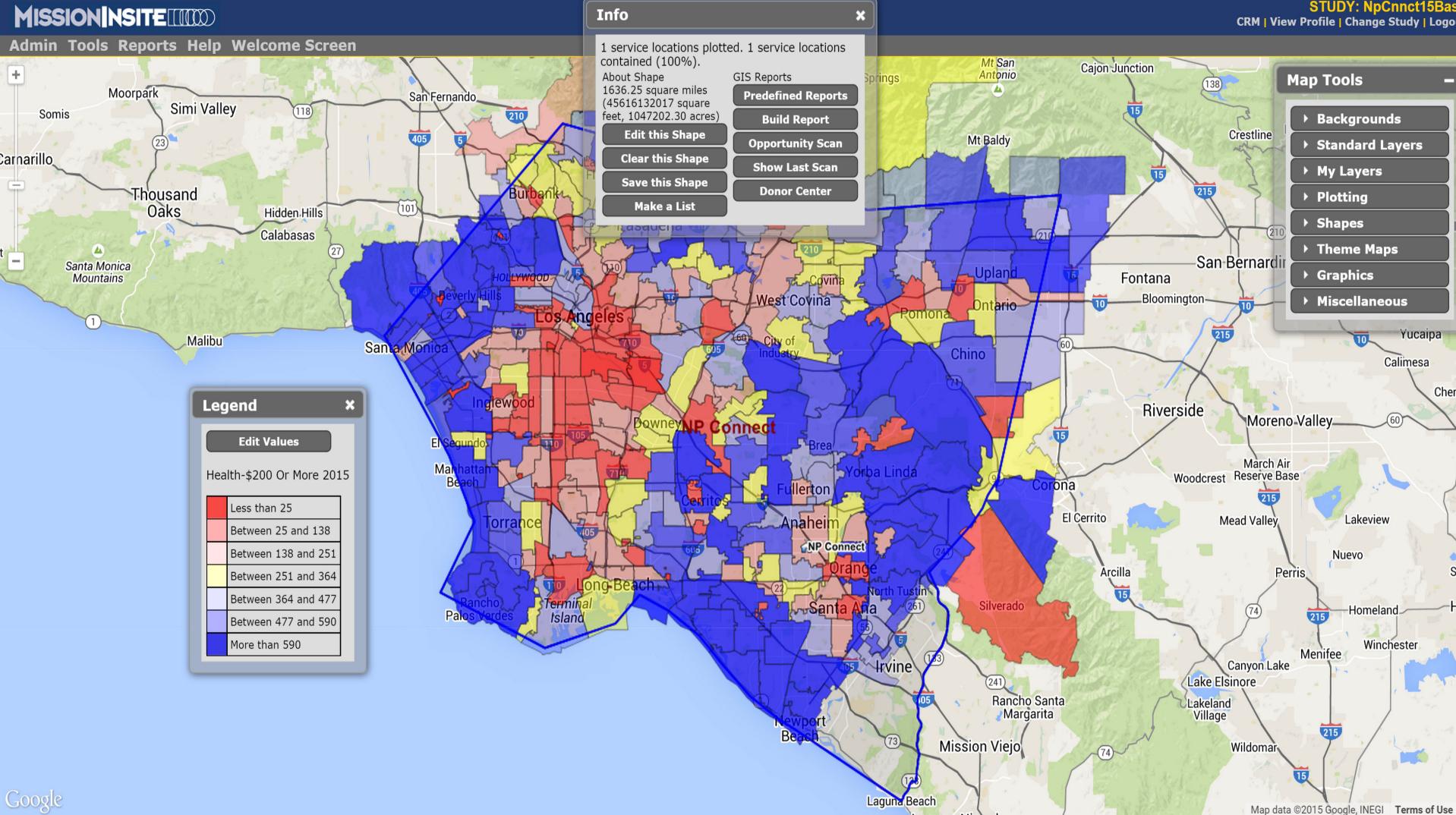
Mission Shaped Church

Matthew 22:35-40

LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS

Our Daily Prayer. God, help me to see the people that you place in my life each day.

Brainstorming About Your Community List everything you currently know about your community (describe the people, employment, wants, needs, struggles) Make a list of questions to find out about your community / people List Community Events **Community Values**



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Listen to God Listen to your community Prayer Walks Pray Observe Encounter



Start with listening

- Walk through the neighborhood together
- As you walk, ask yourself
 - What would Jesus see, hear, notice and experience?
 - What would break Jesus' heart?
 - What burden is Jesus calling you to bear in the mission field?



Pray

- As you walk consider the following
 - People
 - Land-use patterns
 - Condition of properties
 - Condition of streets
- How has the community

changed

What am I seeing for the first time

Observe

- As you walk pray for the people you see
- Strike up a conversation
- Listen more than talk
- Ask the following
 - What do you love about living or working here?
 - What is challenging about living/working here?

Encounter

 Questions continued Encounter What would you love to see in this community? What do you think some of the community needs are?

Develop relationships

3 Characteristics Organic Authentic Reliable

Engage with the community

Cannot be forced

Must be life-giving

Requires an investment of time

Organic Relationships



Genuine

Honest

Care

Authentic Relationships



Who are you?

What do you like to do?

Who could you do it with?

How could you intentionally share your faith?

Authentic Relationships



Consistency in relationships takes time, involvement, effort and energy.

In general, people appreciate those who offer love in consistent ways.

Reliable Relationships



