

Missions

Lesson 33- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

Intro: At the conclusion of His earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus Christ committed His church to the continuance of His work of redemption. To the assembled body of believers He said: *“As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you”* (John 20:21). The Lord’s churches, then, are to duplicate the things done by the Lord without changing it! While so much of what Jesus did could not be contained in any number of books (John 21:25), there were some works He did consistently throughout His earthly ministry.

Jesus _____ and _____ disciples. John 4:1

Jesus _____ and trained His disciples. Matthew 5:1-2

Jesus built His _____. Matthew 16:18

A. The Biblical Basis for Missions:

1. Look up and read the following passages that record the words of the Lord to His Church.

Matthew 28:16-20

Mark 16:14-20

Luke 24:45-49

John 20:19-23

Acts 1:8

2. Having read these scriptures, let’s work through and answer the following.

a. What is our Church to do? _____

b. What is the extent of our “mission field?” _____

c. What is the message of our mission work? _____

d. Where do we get our power to engage in such a work?

B. A Biblical Plan for Missions:

1. Read: Acts 13:1-5

a. When God called two men to be missionaries, He called them out of the _____ that was at Antioch.

b. How would you describe the ability of these men God called? (See Acts 12:25) _____

c. According to verse 3, who sent these missionaries? _____

The Bible plan for missionaries is to be financially supported by New Testament Baptist Churches, prayed for by New Testament Baptist Churches, and sent out by New Testament Baptist Churches.

d. According to verse 4, when a church sends out evangelists, how are those men to be led into their places of service? _____

e. According to verse 5, exactly what was the ministry of these men?

2. Read: Acts 14:23

a. Missionaries are to establish a _____ from those won to Christ and baptized.

The Word of God speaks nothing of medical missions, educational missions, social justice missions, or agricultural missions, etc.

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b. Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:4 and 1 Timothy 1:12. Who calls and equips men to be preachers? _____

c. Read: Luke 10:1 Acts 10:23, 15:39-40, 16:1-3, and 19:22.

From reading these passages, how was New Testament evangelism practiced in the first century?

By one man working alone.

By several men working as a team.

C. The Biblical Challenge for Missions:

a. Luke 4:35. What is every Christian to realize? _____

b. Matthew 9:37. What is there a great need for today? _____

c. Matthew 9:38. What should be our prayer? _____

d. Acts 9:6. What question should we ask the Lord concerning missions? _____

D. The Biblical Way to Support Missions:

1. We are to give financially towards missions:

In 2 Corinthians chapters 8-10 the Bible deals with the subject of giving to the work of the Lord.

1. The right _____ in giving – 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

2. The right _____ in giving – 2 Corinthians 9:5-8

3. The right _____ for giving – 2 Corinthians 10:14-16

2. We are to Pray for Missionaries:

a. Pray for _____ 2 Thessalonians 3:2

b. Pray for _____ Ephesians 6:19

c. Pray for _____ Hebrews 13:18

d. Pray for _____ 2 Thessalonians 3:1

3. God Blesses a Mission-Minded Church:

Philippians 4:14-19

a. What church repeatedly helped Paul financially?

The church at _____

b. What abounded to the heavenly account of this church? _____

c. What did God promise to supply for this church?

"A missionary is God's child in God's place
doing God's work in God's way
by God's power for God's glory."

Make a list of the missionaries our Church helps support. Note their fields of labor. _____
