

M Missions

Lesson Commenced: _____

Lesson Checked: _____

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 (baptized) 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 change! While so many things 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 T _____ and trained His disciples. (*Matthew 5:1,2*)

Jesus built His _____ . (*Matthew 16:18*)

THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR MISSIONS.

A. Look up and read the following Scripture passages which record the words of the Lord to His Church (*assembly of baptized believers*):

Matthew 28:16-20

Mark 16:14-20

Luke 24:45-49

John 20:19-23

Acts 1:8

B. Having read these Scriptures, discover the answers to the following:

1. What is our Church to do? _____

2. What is the extent of our mission field? _____

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

4. Where do we get our power to engage in mission work? _____

THE BIBLICAL PLAN FOR MISSIONS.

Look up and read: Acts 13:1-5.

- A. When God called two men to be missionaries, from whence did He call them?
The _____ that was at Antioch.
- B. How would you describe the kind of men God called to be missionaries? (See also: Acts 12:25.) _____
- C. Look up: I Thessalonians 2:4 and I Timothy 1:12. Who calls and equips men to be missionaries? _____
- D. According to Acts 13:3, who is to send missionaries? _____

The Bible plan is for missionaries to be financially supported by New Testament Baptist churches, prayed for by New Testament Baptist churches, and sent out by New Testament Baptist churches. (The Word of God knows nothing of "mission boards" and other para-church mission agencies.)

- E. According to Acts 13:4, when a church sends out a missionary, how is that missionary led into his work? _____
- F. According to Acts 13:5, what is the missionary to do? _____

- G. According to Acts 14:23, missionaries are to establish a _____ from those won to Christ and baptized.

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

THE BIBLICAL CHALLENGE FOR MISSIONS.

- A. Look up: John 4:35. What is every Christian to realize? _____

- B. Look up: Matthew 9:37. What is there a great need for today?

C. Look up: *Matthew 9:38*. What should be our prayer? _____

D. Look up: *Acts 9:6*. What question should we ask the Lord concerning missions?

THE BIBLICAL WAY TO SUPPORT MISSIONS.

A. We Are To Give Financially Toward Missions.

In *II Corinthians 8, 9, and 10*, the Bible deals with the subject of giving to the work of the Lord.

Note:

1. Attitude in giving – *II Corinthians 8:1-5*.
2. Motive in giving – *II Corinthians 9:5-8*.
3. Purpose in giving – *II Corinthians 10:14-16*.

B. We Are To Pray For Missionaries. *Romans 15:31.*

1. Pray for _____ .
II Thessalonians 3:2.
2. Pray for _____ .
Ephesians 6:19.
3. Pray for _____ .
Hebrews 13:18.
4. Pray for _____ .
II Thessalonians 3:1.

C. God Blesses A Mission-minded Church.

Read: *Philippians 4:14-19*.

1. Which church helped Paul financially?
The church at _____ .
2. What abounded to the heavenly account of this church?
_____ .
3. What did God promise to supply for this church?
_____ their _____ .

“A missionary is God’s child in God’s place
doing God’s work in God’s way
in God’s power for God’s glory.”

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT:

Make a list of the missionaries our Church supports, noting their fields of labor.

MEMORIZATION:

Try to commit to memory: *Mark 16:15.*