

Transition:

The first Christians are sent out from Antioch to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. They probably have fears or worries. Nevertheless, it is clear in God's Word that the Holy Ghost has separated these two men to go and proclaim the good news. Paul went on at least three missional journeys in his life – this is the first. His first “mission trip” will be comprised of visiting at least four different countries.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who separates you for the work of missions? Who sends?
2. Where did they teach/preach the word of God?
3. What did they preach/teach? Do you notice that the disciples approach evangelism differently with Jews as opposed to Gentiles? Why did they do it this way?
4. Whom did they turn to after preaching unto the Jews? Is that a pattern for us?

Fundamental:

Missions - “The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.” — Psalm 24:1 The nations belong to God by noble right. The rebellion of man and the enslavement by the enemy has blinded and darkened the minds of millions. Christ, the light of the world, has commanded his Church to bear the flaming torches of truth and liberty to the souls that sit in darkness. This commandment to go to all nations must once again be sounded as the rallying cry for the mighty army of God. All Christians have their place in the great mission of God and must be faithful soldiers in this last conquest for Christ throughout the earth, to reclaim for him his due reward.

1. How do we develop apostolic passion for the lost world?
2. What role does proclamation have in global missions?
3. Is everyone called to leave the country on mission? What can I do locally?

Homework/Challenge:

1. Commit to evangelism and service here before you consider working abroad.
2. Please read Acts 14 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

Never quench what the Spirit is doing in someone's life. If someone is passionate about going overseas to serve the Lord - AMEN! But, with wisdom and caution, help them begin evangelizing and serving here before they try to go.

Prayer:

As a small group, pray for the heart of missions. The Holy Ghost is the one who sends and separates you for the work - so pray unto the Lord of the Harvest to do so.

Extras:

The Insanity of God by Nik Ripkin

Operation World (7th Edition) by Patrick Johnstone