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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 16:1-12

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Stephen R. Covey in his book, “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” remarked, “most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important.” That leads to the question, what is important to you? Obviously, the Apostle Paul believed it was important to fulfill the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20: “go and make disciples.” As a matter of fact, the early church was a movement marked by the importance of missional focus and commitment. If you were to honestly evaluate your life, how important is disciple making to you?

Key thought: Christianity is a movement marked by missional focus and commitment!

In Acts 16, Paul has already begun his second missionary journey. In this chapter there is one of the most important turning points in history. Paul turned westward into Europe, taking the gospel to places like Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth, and Athens. In this passage, we can learn how to live a missional life with an eternal purpose.

MARKS OF MISSIONAL LIVING:

1. **Sacrifice** (vs. 1-3) (Luke 9:23)
2. **Commitment to the importance of disciple making** (vs. 4-5,10) (Matthew 28:18-20)
3. **Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit** (vs. 6-10)
4. **Initiative and strategy** (vs. 11-12)