



Gods Global Plan

Session 2: **Biblical Foundations of Missions**

Questions ???

- Why do we do “missions?”
- Why should we have a philosophy of missions?
- What do we mean by the term “*missions, evangelism, missionary ...?*”
- What is the biblical example of missions?

Definitions

Missions: evangelizing and making disciples, i.e. *fulfilling the Great Commission*, outside one's own geographic and cultural community in whatever forum is acceptable in the targeted country and suitable to the missionary's gifts and experiences.

Distinct from **local** evangelism and discipleship

Definitions

Missionary - a believer called of God and sent out by a local church to fulfill the Great Commission with people in a different geographic location and in a different culture than his own.

Foreign Missions - outside the United States.

Home Missions - within the United States.

Definitions

Short Term Missionary - Two years or less

National – person engaged in Christian vocational ministry in his own country.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19,20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Holy Bible : English standard version. 2001 (Mt 28:19-20). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

The Great Commission

Matthew 16:18, "... upon this rock I will build my church."

1. Establishes the unity of the entire body of Christ (or the "universal church").
2. Acts 2:37-47 establishes the beginning of the 'local church.'

Acts 2:37-47

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Acts 2:37-47

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand 'souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Acts 2:37-47

⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Foundation of Missions

3. Philippians 4:15-19 establishes the connection of a local church supporting a 'missionary' in the work of the ministry.

Philippians 4:15-19

¹⁵ You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; ¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica you sent a *gift* more than once for my needs. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. ¹⁸ But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Foundations of Missions

4. **Acts 1:8** but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Purpose of Missions

Genesis 1:26-27

- We are to be the visible representation of the invisible God upon the earth
- The purpose of missions is to "bring all creation to the focus of the white hot glory of God through the establishment and strengthening of local churches around the world." -John Piper

Purpose of Missions

- The chief task of missions is to plant and establish new churches that will be effective in fulfilling the Great Commission in their geographic and cultural setting.

Our Mission in the GOER Ministry

The mission of the Faith Church STM ministry is to please God through brief cross-cultural ministries focused on leading people to Jesus Christ and equipping them to be more faithful disciples.

Our Mission in the GOER Ministry

- ... to engage in global efforts of bringing glory to God by winning people to Jesus Christ and equipping them to be more faithful disciples in a cross-cultural setting;

Goals of the GOER Ministry

- **Primary goal:** to glorify God by making disciples cross-culturally
- **Secondary goal:** to encourage and stimulate a growing level of personal involvement in missions by God's people and to strengthen and build the church at home

Why we need a Philosophy of Missions

- ... to enable our church and its ministries to have a sound, biblical missions ministry.
- ... So that missions decisions are made on a sound theological basis and in accordance with our philosophy.
- ... To ensure good stewardship of our financial resources.
- ... To strengthen the relationship between our church ministries and those to whom we minister or with whom we partner.

Relationships


