

An Example of Mission #2

Read Acts 11:27-30; 12:25

What was the focus on this mission?

Are there any lessons for us as we think about our mission?

An Example of Mission #3

Read Acts 13:1-3

Chapters 13-14 cover what is often referred to as ‘Paul’s First Missionary Journey.’ What leads to this mission? (13:2)

Are there lessons for the church today in this first century example?

How does this compare to what led to the mission of Example 1?

It is easy to think of mission as just being the task of the few ‘big names’ set apart by the Holy Spirit and the Church as in Acts 13-14. As important as that is, don’t miss the critical role of the unnamed evangelists of 11:19-20 who told the Good News of Jesus as they went, thus beginning the move of the Gospel from Jew to Gentile, and from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

What is your part in the ongoing mission?

Further Reflection

The title of this study is **Mission: Who, How, Why, What, When, Where?** We have barely scratched the surface.

Think and pray further on those questions in relation to the church in Antioch and the church is Kiama and yourself.

MISSION

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A study complimenting a stand-alone sermon on Acts 11-13 on Sunday 29 October. It coincides with KAC’s mission trip to West Wyalong in support of our BCA mission partners, the Klouths, and the West Wyalong Anglican Church.

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Getting Started

What do you think would be the most difficult thing about being a cross-cultural missionary?

Do you think of yourself as a missionary?

The Great Commission

Read Acts 1:8

What mission did Jesus give?

Who did he give it to?

Where was it to be undertaken?

How would it be able to be done?

Mission in Acts

It has been observed that as the book of Acts unfolds it does so with the geographical spread of the Good News as described in Acts 1:8.

In broad terms, how does that look?

Acts 1:1 - 8:1a	<i>see...</i>	6:7
Acts 8:1b - 11:18		8:1b
Acts 11:19 - 12:25		11:19
Acts 13:1 - 15:35		13:47
Acts 15:36 - 21:16		16:9
Acts 21:17 - 28:31		25:11-12; 28:14

Don't spend too long on this. A map of Paul's journeys may be helpful.

Apart from the geographical spread, what is the other spread of the Good News? See 11:18; 13:47 and 15:3. (See Acts 10:1 - 11:18 & 15:1-35 for more details.)

An Example of Mission #1

Read Acts 8:1, 4 and Acts 11:19-26

Who are the first recorded 'missionaries' to go beyond Judea and Samaria and (notwithstanding the conversion of Cornelius in Acts 10) who are the first missionaries to take the Good News to the Gentiles? (11:19-21)

What led to the mission? (8:1; 11:19)

What was the result of the mission? (11:21b)

What enabled such a result? (11:21a, 23a)

How does 11:19-21, 23 encourage you in mission?

The 'mission' didn't end when *people believed and turned to the Lord*. What happened next? (11:22-26)

What was the result of Barnabas' arrival in Antioch? (11:24)

What do Barnabas and Saul do for a year? (11:26)

What lessons from this example of mission are there for our own mission - as a church family and as individuals within the body?

What is the result of the mission? (see the end of 11:26)

John Stott comments, "Is it because the word 'Christ' was constantly on their lips that *the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch* (11:26b)? Luke has so far referred to them as disciples (6:1), saints (9:13), brethren (1:16; 9:30), believers (10:45), those being saved (2:47) and the people of the Way (9:20). Now it seems to have been the unbelieving public of Antioch who coined the epithet *Christian*. It marked out the disciples as being above all the people, the followers, the servants of Christ."

What labels are attached to us, and why?