

Definitions:

Evangelize - to preach the gospel to

Commission - an authorization or command to act in a prescribed manner or perform prescribed acts

Hierarchy - a ruling body of clergy in authority



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Answer Key

Outline:

1. evangelization
2. commissioned
3. P-A-C-E-R
4. Paul
5. Antioch
6. Corinth
7. Ephesus
8. Rome
9. mightily grew
10. prevailed

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The New Testament Church Model





INTRODUCTION

The Pattern/Antioch: The good folks at Antioch obeyed God without regard to any prejudices or personal agendas. They were about introducing Him to as many people as would listen, regardless of color, ethnicity, or prominence in the community.

The Impact: These Christians experienced God in such a personal way, that it altered their lifestyle. This was the first place that people were identified as being “*little Christs*” or *Christians* (Acts 11:26). They essentially became the missions model carried out today in our independent Baptist churches.

The Evidence: They served without the restrictions that stifled the church at Jerusalem. These saints had such a powerful testimony, that the term *Christian* became what the world described them as (Acts 11:26).

This church established the pattern that we follow for sending missionaries.

The Challenge: *What could God use your church to accomplish? What could God use you to accomplish for His honor and glory?* God is looking for individuals who will totally surrender and yield all restrictions, aspirations, personal goals, and desires to simply follow Him (Romans 12:1).

The New Testament Church: Antioch, Syria

- I. Their Pattern of _____ (Acts 13)
 - A. They had faithful men who were actively serving the Lord in the church (Acts 13:2).
 - B. They were sensitive to the Holy Ghost’s direction for their service (Acts 13:2).
 - C. They did not take the sending out of missionaries lightly. They fasted and prayed first (Acts 13:3).
 - D. They _____ them through THEIR local church, not a hierarchy from Jerusalem (Acts 13:3).
 - E. They sent them out as a team (Acts 13:3).
- II. The first “sent out” missionaries and their *first* missionary journey (Acts 13:1-14:28)
 - A. Date of trip: AD 47-49
 - B. Missionaries sent: Paul, Barnabas, John Mark

- C. Main travel area: Cyprus, Turkey
- D. Distance traveled: 1400 miles
- E. They planted churches in key areas (Acts 14:23)
- F. They established accountability and training measures for these churches (Acts 14:21-22)
- G. They reported back to the sending church (Acts 14:26-27)

- III. The first “sent out” missionaries and their *second* missionary journey (Acts 15:36-18:22)
 - A. Missionaries sent- Barnabas, Mark, Paul, and Silas (Acts 15:39)
 - B. Date of Paul’s trip: AD 49-51
 - C. Main travel area: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Jerusalem
 - D. Distance traveled: 2800 miles
 - E. They maintained accountability and training in the churches (Acts 15:36; 16:4-5; 18:23)
- IV. The first “sent out” missionaries and their *third* missionary journey (Acts 18:23-21:16)
 - A. Missionaries sent: Paul, Timothy, Luke, others
 - B. Dates of the trip: AD 52-57
 - C. Main travel area: Turkey, Greece, Lebanon, Israel
 - D. Distance traveled: 2700 miles
- V. Their missionary is arrested (Acts 21:32-33) and begins the lengthy trip ending in Rome for trial. Paul faithfully preaches at each opportunity along the way (Acts 21:17-28:31).
 - A. Travelers: Paul, Luke, Roman guards, other believers
 - B. Dates of the trip: AD 57-62
 - C. Main travel area: Israel, Lebanon, Turkey, Crete, Malta, Sicily, Italy
 - D. Distance traveled: 2250 miles
 - E. An acronym to remember the progressions of Paul’s missionary journeys:

P- _____ A- _____, Pisidia C- _____
 E- _____ R- _____

In conclusion, we see the results of a church comprised of yielded Christians who were unreservedly obedient to God’s command. Their willingness dispelled any restrictions that could have ended with very different results. “So _____ the word of God and _____.” (Acts 19:2)