

Growing God's Church In a Changing World

Study in The Book of Acts

LESSON 2: The Church Doing Ministry

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37 and Acts 6:1-7

LESSON OBJECTIVE: To formulate a strategic idea for the church doing missions, through a systematic outreach program that is done consistently in the life of the church.

Definition of Church Growth:

The church expanding numerically through the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Introduction

The Early Leaders were active participants in the numerical growth of the Lord's church. The growth movement began with prayer and the good news of Jesus spread through the following:

1. **Fellowship** with other people – Acts 2:42
2. **Discipling** people, teaching them the Word – Acts 2:42
3. **Ministry** work, meeting the needs of the people – Acts 2:43
4. **Worship** gathering together to worship God – Acts 2:45
5. **Evangelism** talking about salvation - Acts 2:47

This is method of spreading the gospel was strategic to the expansion of Christianity. The church leaders were disciples of Jesus, who had a purpose and mission to Go. This new movement was their lifestyle, it was a part of who they were. They were now disciples and nothing else superseded doing the work of Jesus.

The driver of this new movement was the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost Jews from all over came to Jerusalem.

Read Acts 2:4 –How does this verse describe the people?: _____

What does it mean to be: _____ ?

1. When a believer's life is controlled by the _____
2. When is evident that the teachings of Christ are being guided by _____ in a believer's life.
3. When a believer is bearing fruit doing the ministry of Jesus.

Describe how you know the Spirit is at work in your life:

LESSON FOCUS:

I. The Church Helps People In Need

Read Acts 3:1: Where were the leaders of the church going?: _____

Acts 3:6: What did the leaders of the church offer the lame man:

NOTE: The disciple's knowledge was of Jesus, Acts 2:34-36

QUESTION: Is it possible the church is mishandling ministering to people and their needs?

Read Acts 4:1-4 Make four notes about church growth from these verses:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Special Note Acts 4:4: What was going on in the church?:

Read Acts 4:17-20 - Peter and John were unable to stop doing what?

II. The Church Does Missions

Read Acts 4:32-37 List the mission outreach being conducted among the believers:

- Vs. 32 _____
- Vs. 33 _____
- Vs. 34 _____
- Vs. 35 _____
- Vs. 36 _____

Special Note: What did the church leaders continue to do?:

Mission Application

Read Acts 6:1-2

What specific people group did the apostles need help ministering too?

Based on the apostles ministry, how should the church today conduct missions?:

Special Note: Acts 6:7 what was happening to the church:

Review: Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 8:5

Where is the church now expanding to: _____

III. The Church Sharing Their Faith

GOD COMMANDS US TO GIVE NONBELIEVERS AN ANSWER

Scripture Reference: Acts 8:29-39

Let's review a witnessing/evangelism encounter. What do you observe about sharing the gospel in the following verses:

1. Vs. 29 _____
2. Vs. 30 _____
3. Vs. 31-33 _____
4. Vs. 35 _____
5. Vs. 37 _____
6. Vs. 38 _____

Who Should the Church Be Seeking to Connect with and to Share the Gospel

1. Second-time guests to your church
2. Close friends and relatives of church members
3. People going through marital problems
4. People who feel the need for a recovery program
5. First-time parents
6. Those suffering from sickness
7. Parents with problem children
8. Neighbors around the church
9. New residents in the community
10. Parents at recreation centers and children sporting activities

Practical Ways to Conduct Evangelism

1. USING THE BIBLE

The Roman Road (The Gospel from Romans)

Romans 1:18 Explains the Power for salvation

Romans 3:23 Ask who has sinned? All have sinned

Romans 6:23 Penalty of sin is death. Separation from God

Romans 5:8 Explains with God's great love why we can be forgiven

Romans 2:4 Repentance is turning from one's sin to God

Romans 10:9 Confession: Do you believe in Jesus, that He died
for your sins?

Romans 10:13 Acceptance: Asking Jesus to come into your heart.

Appeal to Receive Christ

Ask the person to pray to receive Christ into their lives by praying with them this prayer.

“Lord, I do believe in you. I know that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me and come into my heart. I receive you now as my Savior and Lord. Help me to live my life for you. Thank you for hearing my prayer and coming into my heart.”

What is the conclusion of this lesson on church mission?
