

Title: Growing God's Church in a Changing World*A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS***LESSON 4****The Church Making Missionaries****Scripture
Reference****ACTS 13****Objective**

For church members to explain why you are a missionary as a result of being a part of the church and as a disciple of Christ.

Introduction**Questions:**

How many of like journeys? In other words, rides, trips, flights, voyages?

If I said let's plan to go on a trip to ride throughout NC to see the beautiful sites, how many of you would sign up?

Just for the ride and the venture.

**Lesson
Review**

The early church leaders went out on a journey, traveling to various places to carry the gospel.

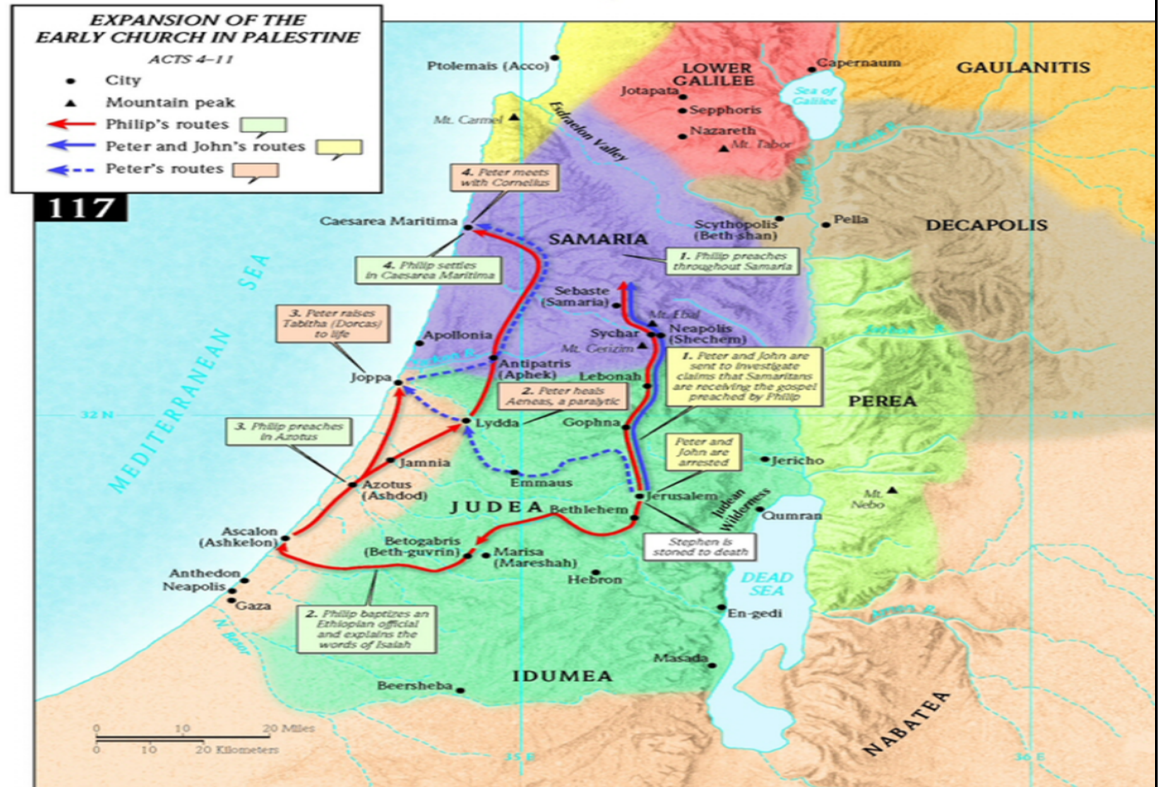
Let's think about the cities where the gospel has currently traveled to in the book of Acts.

Locate the places on the map:

1. Jerusalem – Acts 1:12 – The hub of Christianity, the temple worship.
2. Great Persecution – Acts 8:1 – scattering of Jews through the regions of Judea and Samaria
3. Samaria – Acts 8:5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria.
4. Damascus – Acts 9:2, 25 – Saul was going into the synagogues threatening the disciples of the Lord.
5. Judea, Galilee and Samaria – Acts 9:31 – Church continuing to increase.

6. Lydda – Acts 9:32 – Peter traveling through all those regions.
7. Joppa – Acts 9:36 & 41 – Disciples were there.
8. Caesarea – Acts 10:1 -Where Cornelius asked for Peter to come.
9. Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch – Acts 11:19 – preaching Jesus
10. Cyrene – Acts 11:21 –

Map



Lesson Focus	First Missionaries
Scripture Reference	Acts 13:1-5

Paul's First Missionary Journey



Point 1	Understanding What It Means to Be a Missionary
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What is a Missionary?: Typically in the church we were taught to believe that missionaries were ladies who wore white suits and were a part of the missionary circle. Also, typically we did not think men were missionaries.

However, not so in the early church. We see in this text that the Church sent out missionaries and they were not ladies in white suits.

Practical Application	Would you consider yourself to be a missionary?
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What do missionaries do when they are sent out by the church?:

1. Luke 10:1- Missionaries go where Jesus would have gone .
2. Luke 10:9 -10 – Missionaries take the kingdom to the people.
3. Luke 9:1 – Missionaries go in the power and authority given by God.

4. Matthew 28:19-20 – Missionaries go to make disciples.
5. Matthew 24:14 – Missionaries go to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS: Who are missionaries? Do we have missionaries in the church today?

Point 2

Missionaries Defend the Faith

READ: Acts 13:4-12

1. Acts 13:4 Why are missionaries sent out by the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8)

2. Acts 13:5 – The Missionaries proclaimed the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. What were they saying?
 - a. Acts 9:20 _____
 - b. Acts 9:22 _____
 - c. Acts 5: 42 _____
 - d. Acts 4: 10 – 12 _____
3. Acts 13:7 – Who are false prophets today?

4. Acts 13:8 How would someone turn another person from the faith today?

5. Acts 13: 9 What was Paul filled with? _____
6. Acts 13: 10 How did Paul handle the disclaimers about the faith to Elymas the magician?

7. Acts 13:12 What was the result of Paul explaining the faith?

Conclusion**Are You a Missionary? Explain**
