

Title: Growing God’s Church in a Changing World
A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

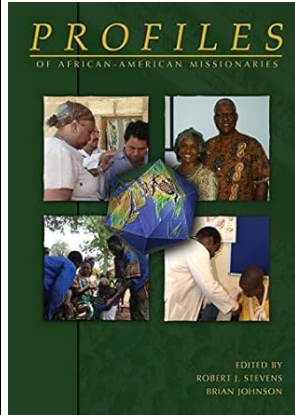
LESSON 4	The Church’s Missional Strategy
Scripture Reference	ACTS 14: 30-36

Objective	Determine a missionary strategy for today’s church that will reach people for Jesus.
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Introduction	<p>Review of Missionaries</p> <p>Who were the missionaries in Acts?</p> <p>READ: Acts 2:1-11; 8:1 & 4</p>
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Lesson Review	<p>Black Missionaries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Marrant – June 15, 1755 – April 15, 1791 – Born in New York into a free black family. Is to be considered, if not the first, one of the first African-American Missionaries in North America. Wrote a book “A Narrative of the Life of John Marrant, of New York, in North America. 2. GEORGE LIELE - 1750-1828 - FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BE ORDAINED AND FIRST BAPTIST TO GO AS A MISSIONARY TO ANY OTHER LAND (JAMAICA) 3. Rebecca Protten born 1780 - Shared the gospel with slaves in the 1730s. Known as the mother of modern missions. 4. Lott Carey – 1780-1828 - Cary served first in Sierra Leone and later in Liberia
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Reference Book on African American Missionaries:



Lesson Review

What's happening in the book of Acts in chapters 1-5

Review the following scriptures pertaining to a growing church:

1. Acts 11:24
2. Acts 5:14
3. Acts 2:47

How is the church growing?

1. Acts 1:13 _____
 2. Acts 2:42-47 The 5 – Purposes – The church was focused:
 - a. Teaching/Discipleship vs. 42 – Insuring that people were learning.
 - b. Fellowship vs. 42 – Persistent about people gathering and being intimately involved with one another.
 - c. Missions vs. 45 – Consistent in looking for ways to help people.
 - d. Worship – Focused on honoring God collectively.
 - e. Evangelism – Intentionally telling someone about Jesus, inviting them to get to know Jesus.
 3. Acts 4:2 – The church leaders were _____
 4. Acts 4:8 – The Leaders were filled with the Holy Spirit
 5. Acts 6:4 – The apostles/pastors were focused on praying and ministry of the Word
 6. Acts 6:5-8 – _____
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First Missionary Journey

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Paul and Barnabas went to the island of Cyprus, then to the coast and inland district of Asia Minor, where they preached in the cities of: Perga, Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. Paul preached in Pisidian Antioch, where Gentiles were present and they believed (13:16-41). In Lystra (14:8-20), Paul performed a healing miracle

QUESTION: What was Paul’s strategy for the missionary outreaches

<u>Paul’s Strategy</u>	<u>Strategy For Today</u>
1. Entered a City	1. _____
2. Established a foundation, went into Synagogues.	2. _____
3. Preached and taught the Word of God	3. _____

Mission

Follow -Up

The Second Missionary Journey (15:36-18:22) – Returning to Jerusalem a decision was made to revisit the new believers from the first missionary journey.



Paul began the journey with Silas as his companion. Barnabas and Mark left together to work on the island of Cyprus (15:36-41). Paul traveled through the same cities of Asia Minor (Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe,) where he visited on the first journey.

The Second Missionary Journey was a means to follow – up with the churches on the first Missionary Journey

What are some keys to follow – up:

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