

APOSTOLIC MISSIONS

Intro. Our mission is missions. So in apostolic ch. Eph 4:12 involves quantity and quality and both involved in full concept of missions. In a book about miss history of early ch would expect principles to be revealed. And they are.

I. The Personnel of Missions

1:8--ye. Individuals.

- A. Pentecost, Peter and 120 others
- B. Persecution, 8:4 cf. 11:19.
- C. Paul and Barnabas, then Silas.
- D. 18:26.

What kind of individuals.

- Ordinary people who lost homes in persec.
- Educated people like Paul
- Wealthy like Barnabas

II. The Program of Missions

Reach the unreached

- A. God assembled them at Pentecost, 2.
- B. God dispersed in persecution, 8.
- C. God led out as 13.

Reach the unreached

- A. At work, 18:2-3
- B. At sightseeing, 17:22
- C. Formal meetings, 10:33
- D. In church, 11:26
- E. In prison, 26:27

This should be constant aim, Rom 15:24

Cautions: Don't neglect work at

III. The Product of Missions

Local, organized ch

home, e.g. ch in Jerus
Don't be spasmodic,
cf 18:11; 19:10

Procedure was not to

announce est of ch but

evangelize and then people

saw need of group assoc and

activity. But never left a city where a number of

Xns without est a ch, 14:23; 19:9.

NT epistles vouch for validity and success of this.

Don't lose interest in
past associations, 2Cl1:28

IV. The Procedure of Missions

- A. Itineration. Systematic. 11:22-26; 15:36
- B. Hit strategic centers.
Jerus, Antioch, Eph, Phil, Athens, Cor, Rome
- C. Oral preaching. Principal method.
In synagogues, houses, ch¹³; by river, 16:13
jail, 16:25; street mets, 17:22; work, 18:2
What other aids used must never be substitute
for oral ministry.
- D. Literature. Acts to Theophilus. Epistles
to ch. Personal epist.
You can do also in letters home and to
friends.
- E. Training nat'l workers.
Groups of them, 14:23; 19:30
Individuals, 16:1; 18:26.
Do same in SS class, mission, at home.
See if you can leave a reflection of
yourself somewhere this summer.