

“Biblical Missions”

Selected Scriptures

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Missions: “from Latin, ‘act of sending,’ from *mittere* ‘to send’ ”; an important job, especially a military one, that someone is sent somewhere to do; a specific task with which a person or a group is charged.

1. The Mandate for Biblical Missions: the Great

Commission.

*“And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go[ing], therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ ” Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20)*

2. The Model for Biblical Missions: from the hub of the local church.

“I will build My Church” (Matthew 16:18)

“the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and the ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15)

3. The Methodology of Biblical Missions: start where you are.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

4. The Message of Biblical Missions: the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (2 Corinthians 2:2)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16)

“I declare to you the gospel...by which also you are saved...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)