



Every Believer a Missionary

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IS EVERY BELIEVER A MISSIONARY?

The POINT >

We are set apart and filled with the Holy Spirit to accomplish His good work.

> ACTS 13:1-15

¹Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed

them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

⁹But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰and said, “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time.” Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹²Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord. ¹³Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.”



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Lottie Moon served for thirty-nine years as a missionary in China and often made tea cakes for the children in her village.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // HOLY SPIRIT

Believers are filled with the Holy Spirit to accomplish the work He sets out before us.

I used to think being a missionary meant you had to move to a faraway country and live in a hut and eat strange foods. That sounded way too big for someone like me. But one day at church, we had a missionary speak and she said something that surprised me: “If you follow Jesus, you’re already a missionary right where you are.”

That really stuck with me, and I got to live it out firsthand shortly afterward at school. I saw a kid sitting alone at lunch. I felt nervous, but something inside me said, “Go sit with him.” So, I did. We ended up talking and had a great conversation. Later, he told me that no one ever does that for him. I didn’t preach a sermon or travel the world. I just showed kindness and it made a difference. That’s when I realized that being a missionary doesn’t mean you have to go far away; it means letting God use you wherever you are. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage and direction to do good things for God, even in small moments. Every believer is set apart to share Jesus in everyday life.

ACTS 13:1-3

1 Why do you think God often speaks or moves in quiet, focused moments instead of big, dramatic ways?

2 Why do you think God uses ordinary people to do big things?

ACTS 13:4-11

3 Why do you think it's difficult to tell the difference between what's true and what sounds true in spiritual matters?

4 What do you think makes people stay quiet when they see others being led away from truth?

5 Why is it important to share truth with both boldness and love?

Love speaks up, it defends truth, and it clears space for light to shine through the fog of confusion. #BSFLStudents SoThattheWorldMayKnow

ACTS 13:12-15

6 Why do you think it's important to keep going and stay faithful even when some people give up or walk away from a mission?

7 What do you think it means to be "ready" to share your beliefs when the right moment comes?

8 Why do you think God sometimes opens doors in unexpected places or to unexpected people?





LIVE IT OUT



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Sometimes, students can get the idea that “spiritual work” should be left to people who work at a church, go on a mission trip, or hold a leadership role. But what about when students walk into English class and the person next to them is not a believer? Is it the role of a student’s youth pastor to reach that person with the gospel? In this session, students will see the role they can play in sharing good news in the power of the Holy Spirit.

>CHRIST

9 The Holy Spirit set Paul and Barnabas apart for a special mission. How does this show that Jesus has a unique purpose for each of His followers?

10 The Holy Spirit sent Paul and Barnabas out to spread the gospel. Jesus doesn’t just save—He sends us to share His love with others. How can you apply this truth to your life?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD



› COMMUNITY

11 The church in Antioch prayed and fasted together before sending Paul and Barnabas out on mission. How can your church or small group come together to support each other in doing God's work?

12 What are some practical things you can do to spread God's message to the world around you?

› CULTURE

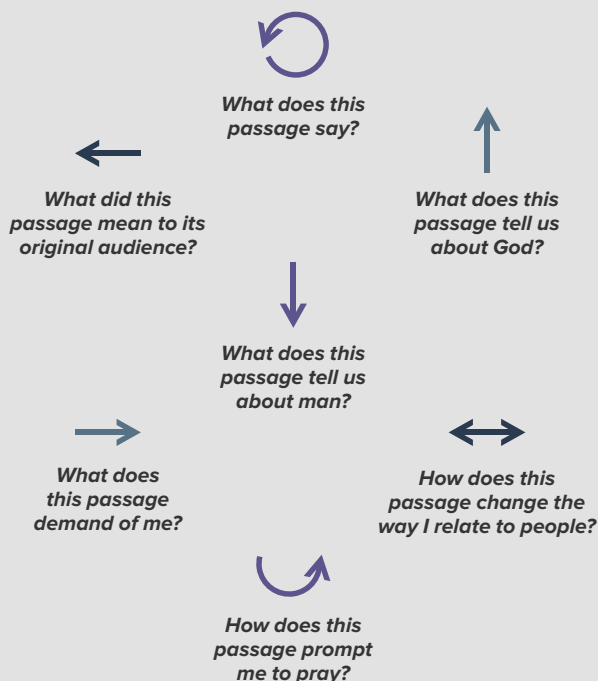
13 What challenges do you think you might face when sharing your faith with people who have different beliefs or backgrounds than you?

14 In what ways can you be a missionary in your everyday culture, whether at school, home, or with your friends?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One

MATTHEW 28:19-20

When we think of missionaries, we often picture people leaving their homes to go to distant lands. But the reality is that every believer is a missionary right where they are. The Great Commission isn't just for pastors or those with a missionary title; it's a calling for anyone who follows Christ. Being a missionary isn't about crossing borders; it's about living with purpose in the everyday. Every believer has a mission field—whether it's our families, workplaces, or communities. We are to carry the message of hope, forgiveness, and love into those spaces through our words, actions, and relationships.

The question isn't *if* we are missionaries; it's *how* we are living out that calling. Are we sharing Christ's love with those around us? Are we intentionally looking for ways to make disciples in our daily lives? Each of us has a unique opportunity to represent Jesus, and that's the heart of being a missionary.

- **How are you living as a missionary right now in your school, family, or friend group?**
- **What's one way you could share Jesus' love more intentionally this week?**

Day Two

ACTS 1:8



We often think of spreading the gospel to distant places, but the call to be witnesses begins right where we are. Jesus' promise to His disciples was clear: They would receive power through the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (v. 8, CSB). That same promise extends to every follower of Christ today.

Being a witness isn't about having all the answers or being perfect; it's about sharing the truth of what Christ has done in our lives and letting the Holy Spirit work through us. God has equipped us to be His ambassadors wherever He has us. The Holy Spirit empowers us not to live in fear or silence but to boldly share the love of Christ. Every believer is called to be a missionary, whether in the local coffee shop or in a distant nation. Are we leaning into the power of the Holy Spirit to be faithful witnesses wherever we are?

- **In what ways are you trusting the Holy Spirit to help you share your story about Jesus with the people you see every day?**
- **How could your life change if you really believed that God has equipped you right now to be His witness wherever you are?**

Day Three

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

As followers of Christ, we are not just passive recipients of God's grace; we are active representatives of His kingdom. Paul tells us that we are ambassadors for Christ, carrying His message of reconciliation wherever we go. This isn't a role for just a few; it's a calling for every believer. The moment we accept Christ, we are given the privilege and responsibility to represent Him in this world.

Being an ambassador means we are to live with purpose, intentionally sharing the message of reconciliation with those around us. It's not about a perfect speech or having all the answers; it's about faithfully reflecting Christ's love and truth in every conversation and action. Whether we're at work, school, or with family, we are called to be His voice to others so that they can be restored to God through Jesus. This isn't just a nice idea—it's our mission. Are we embracing our role to bring the message of hope to a broken world?

- **How are your words and actions reflecting the message of hope and reconciliation that Jesus wants others to see through you?**
- **What would it look like for you to fully embrace your role as an ambassador for Christ in your everyday life?**

Day Four

ROMANS 10:14-15

The message of salvation is powerful, but it can't reach others if we don't share it. As believers, we are not simply called to receive grace but to pass it on. Imagine if someone had never told you about Christ. How would you have come to know Him? The responsibility of spreading the good news is entrusted to each one of us.

We may not always feel equipped, but God doesn't ask us to have all the answers or perfect delivery. What He asks is for us to go and be the hands and feet of Jesus in a broken world. The people around us may never hear the gospel unless we actively take steps to share it. Being a messenger of Christ doesn't require grand speeches; it's about living a life that reflects His love and stepping into opportunities to share that hope. When we embrace the truth that we are His ambassadors, it becomes clear that the mission to spread the gospel is for everyone, everywhere. Are we willing to be those messengers?

- **Who in your life hasn't heard the good news of Jesus yet?**
- **What's one small step you could take to share Jesus' love with this person?**

Day Five

1 PETER 2:9



As believers, we are set apart with a purpose greater than ourselves: to declare the praises of God and share the light of His truth with the world. Peter reminds us that we are a chosen people and a “royal priesthood” (v. 9, CSB), called to reflect God's greatness to those around us. This isn't just a title; it's a responsibility.

Being chosen doesn't mean being exempt from the struggles of the world; it means we have been given a mission. We're called to live in such a way that others see God's goodness in us. Every day, we are to be witnesses of His grace, mercy, and transformative power. Are we showing the world God's love? Are we living out this identity as God's chosen people and letting our lives shine in a dark world?

- **How does knowing you are part of God's “royal priesthood” change how you see your everyday actions and choices?**
- **In what ways is your life currently reflecting God's love and light to those around you?**