

Acts: What Missionaries Do

The believers in Acts provide examples to modern missionaries on how to reach people for Christ and what to expect in the Lord's work. By reading Acts multiple times, patterns of missionary activity come into focus. For example:

Missionaries in Acts

Are directed by the Holy Spirit	Acts 2:14+; 6:1+; 13:1+
Preach Christ	Acts 3:1+; 7:1+; 10:1+
Disciple believers	Acts 2:37+; 4:32+; 12:24+
Establish churches	Acts 11:22+; 13:4+; 20:17+
Meet physical needs	Acts 5:12+; 6:1+; 9:36+
Defend the faith	Acts 4:1+; 7:1+; 11:1+
Report on the work	Acts 12:24+; 15:1+; 23:1+
Endure persecution	Acts 4:1+; 9:23+; 16:14+
Purify the church	Acts 5:1+; 19:1+; 20:17+
Pray constantly	Acts 1:14; 6:4+; 16:25+



Application to Missions

1. Missionaries should follow the patterns in Acts.
2. Missionaries serve God with zeal and energy.
3. Missionaries require prayer to carry out the work.

