

A Case Study of Missionary Methodology Paul's Ministry to the Galatians

Introduction

1. We should learn from the experiences of others. I Cor. 10:6
2. Historical accounts do not mandate modern methods.
3. The apostles seem to have been more effective than other generations in reaching people for Christ.

I. Background

A. Roman Colony

1. Wealth- citizenship
2. Emperor worship
3. Culture- Roads
4. Conflict with Jews

Cicero: "You know how large a group (Jews) they are, how unanimously they stick together, how influential they are in politics."

B. Jewish Population

1. Former prisoners
2. Expatriates of Roman government
3. Scattered by persecution

II. Paul's Activities in Galatia

A. First Missionary Journey Acts 13-14

1. 13:13 Arrive in Asia Minor- Perga
2. 13:14 Travel to Antioch of Pisidia
 - Ministry in the synagogue
 - Jewish
 - Expelled
3. 13:51-14:5 Travel to Iconium
 - Ministry in the synagogue
 - Jews and Gentiles
 - Expelled
4. 14:6- Travel to Lystra and Derbe
 - Healing
 - Restrain Gentiles from sacrificing to them
 - Paul stoned
 - Activities (14:21-23)

B. Second Missionary Journey

1. 16:1 Travel to Derbe and Lystra

- Chooses Timothy
- Delivered decrees from Jerusalem v.4
- Maturity (established and increasing)
- Saturation v.6 (gone throughout)

C. Third Missionary Journey

1. 18:23 Revisited area

III. The Work apart from the Galatians

A. Epistle to the Galatians

1. Paul

2. Themes

- a. Justification by faith
- b. Warning against reverting to Judaism
- c. Paul defends his apostle ship

B. Peter's General Epistles

1. Support of Paul

2. Confirmation of truth

Conclusions (What can we learn from the ministry to the Galatians?)

1. Reaching people for Christ takes time.
2. Reaching people for Christ takes various methods.
(Preaching, personal evangelism, church planting, leadership development, literature, etc.)
3. Reaching people for Christ is a team effort.
4. Reaching people for Christ requires allowing people to see the effect of the gospel in the life of believers.
5. Reaching people for Christ often results in rejection and hardship.
6. Reaching people for Christ requires a believer that will not quit when the way is hard.
7. Reaching people for Christ requires the power of God.