

April 27th & 28th

The Importance of Short Mission Trips

Laboring with one another

Matthew 9:35-38 “And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”

❖ Jesus’ mission was to provide for the needs of the people.

↳ He went throughout the villages.

↳ He taught the gospel.

↳ He healed diseases and afflictions.

↳ He had compassion for the people.

❖ Jesus invited His disciples to pray for laborers.

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 “He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.”

↳ When we pray and act as Jesus did, we are aware of the needs that exist.

↳ We go forth doing what He did.

↳ We collaborate in the field.

Acts 20:35 “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Growing with one another

Colossians 2:18-19 “Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.”

❖ As we get involved in missions, we grow with one another.

↳ God works in us as we partner with others for the kingdom.

↳ We grow as we labor together and as we see and experience the needs of others.

Ephesians 4:15-16 “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Strengthening one another

Acts 14:21-22 “When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”

❖ As we get involved in missions, everyone is strengthened.

↳ Churches are strengthened by the visits of leaders and servants of Christ.

Acts 16:4-5 “As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.”

Acts 18:22-23 “When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.”

Endnotes:

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