Essential Commitments

Part Three: Evangelism/Missions

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Acts 2:41-47

- a description of the first church
- essential commitments:
 - #1 "membership"
 - #2 "stewardship"

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#3: Gospel Outreach

➤ The faithful proclamation and living out of the gospel so that unbelievers come to faith in the Lord Jesus

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#3: Gospel Outreach

- Foundation: Jesus' command to "be His witness" and "make disciples"
- The primary purpose of the church in the world
- The calling of every believer

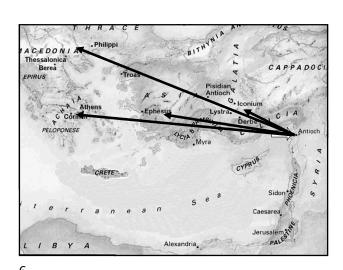
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World Missions:

Reaching Unreached Peoples

- "evangelism" winning unbelievers to Christ where there is a gospel presence
- "missions" winning unbelievers to Christ from unreached "people groups"



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The Missionary Task:

- Not simply to win as many individuals as possible, but to reach every people group with the gospel
- To establish the church among people groups where it does not exist

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OUR INVOLVEMENT



The Great Commission Fund

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worldPARTNERS

- > adopt two target countries
- partner with our "international partners"
 - · personal care and connection
 - strategic prayer
 - financial support (GCF and other)
 - short term teams and special projects

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TURKEY

- 70 million people
- .004% Christians
- officially closed to missionaries
- · 6 international partners

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CHINA



- 1.3 billion people
- Growing AIDS/HIV epidemic
- Closed to missionaries
- 22 international partners in various fields

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