

Sermon Title: "TWO QUESTIONS ABOUT MISSIONS"

Date: February 19, 2023 - Acts 13:2-4, 9-11; Luke 24:44-48

Central Idea: Reflect the spirit of Scripture and be a global Christian. Are you a global Christian?

Introduction: Luke emphasizes that the missionaries were called and sent under the direction of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit told the church to appoint Barnabas and Paul, but He Himself sent them to their field of labor. In God's divine purpose early Christianity launched in two cities, Jerusalem and Antioch. Some have suggested that the former may represent the Church at home, or home missions, and the latter the Church abroad, or foreign missions. According to Acts 1:8, the Gospel was to extend to the ends of the earth.

Today's texts lead us to ask the following:

I. What does God think of missions?

- 1. He chooses capable workers.**
- 2. He chooses select workers.**
- 3. He chooses qualified workers.**
 - (1) He calls. v. 2**
 - (2) He commissions. vv. 3-4**
 - (3) He controls. vv. 9-11**

II. What do you think of missions?

- 1. Direction Luke 24:44-48**
- 2. Diversification**
- 3. Devotion**
- 4. Development**

Conclusion: How should we participate in missionary work?

- 1. Read about it.**
- 2. Pray for it.**
- 3. Give to it.**
- 4. Go into it.**
- 5. Help others go into it.**
- 6. Encourage our young people to go into it.**