



ADULT LESSON 1

The Founding

of the New Testament Church in Jerusalem

Answer Key

Introduction:

1. desire
2. result
3. unification
4. direction
5. focus

Outline:

1. actions
2. affection
3. attention
4. unified
5. love
6. God's activity
7. relationship
8. God
9. disproved
10. leaders
11. increased

Definitions

Affection: feelings of love; feelings of caring for something or someone

Unified: to cause to be joined or brought together; to make into a unit

Disprove: to show that something is false or in error



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INTRODUCTION

There is no question that God gave very clear instructions to His church as to what He desired for the finished product, a church that was focused upon introducing Him to the entire world which He loved and for which He died. He stated this on several occasions. Matthew records that Jesus told them to “*teach All nations.*” They were to reach beyond going to just the Jewish people and go to everyone for whom Jesus had shed His blood to save. However, they were not to stop there. They were to **teach**, **baptize**, and **continue teaching** these new converts “*ALL*” things that Jesus taught.

We cannot effectively carry out the Great Commission without providing the Scriptures throughout this endeavor.

God’s _____ for the message: God wants us to grow spiritually in order to more effectively introduce Him to others with whom He desires to have a relationship also. This type of growth only happens through having the rest of the Bible to go along with the Gospel.

Examples:

1. The church in Jerusalem emphasized reaching Jews; and the Word of God “increased” by doing so (Acts 6:7).
2. When the early church extended its reach to the Gentiles in a couple of cities, the Word of God grew and “multiplied” (Acts 12:24).
3. When the church at Antioch practiced total obedience to Jesus’ last command and went to the world, it “mightily grew” the Words of God and “prevailed” (Acts 19:20).

The _____ of the message: The messenger taking the Message clearly produced _____ in _____ and _____.

Their testimonies were so powerful, the counterfeits of their day died out, and they proved to be genuine.

New Testament Church in Jerusalem

I. The Foundation of the New Testament Church

- A. Focus of Jesus’ _____ while on Earth
 1. “I will build...” (Mt. 16:18)
 2. “...gave Himself for it” (Eph. 5:25)
 3. “...purchased with His own blood...” (Acts 20:28)
- B. Focus of Jesus’ _____
 1. “... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;” (Eph. 5:25).
- C. Focus of Jesus’ _____ now.
 1. “...not prevail against it” (Mt. 16:18).
 2. He added to the church (Acts 2:47; 4:4; 5:14).

II. The Functioning of the New Testament Church

- A. They were _____ (Acts 1:14; 2:1, 42, 46-47; 4:24, 32; 5:12).
- B. They had _____ for the brethren (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37). They cared for the needs of the “body.”
- C. They had obvious signs of _____ amongst the “body” (Acts 2:43; 3:1-11; 4:10, 16, 31; 5:12, 16).
- D. Their lives showed evidence of their _____ with Christ (Acts 4:13; 6:15).
- E. They gave _____ all the credit (Acts 4:32; 5:39).
- F. The false teachers were _____ over time (Acts 5:33- 40).
- G. They established _____ to help the work move forward (Acts 6:5-6).

III. The Fruit of the New Testament Church

- A. 3,000 added after Pentecost (Acts 2:41).
- B. 5,000 men believed following the preaching on another day (Acts 4:4).
- C. Multitudes of men and women added on another day (Acts 5:14).
- D. The Word “ _____ ” (Acts 6:7).