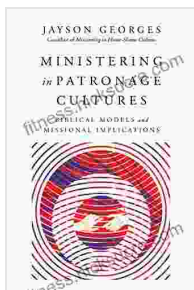


Biblical Models and Missional Implications: Exploring the Relevance of Scripture for Church Mission

The mission of the church is a central theme throughout the Bible. From the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 to the expansion of the early church in Acts, Scripture provides a wealth of models and principles for how churches can engage effectively in missional activities. This article explores some of the key biblical models of mission and their implications for the mission of the church today.



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Biblical Models of Mission

The Great Commission Model (Matthew 28:19-20)

The Great Commission is the foundational text for Christian mission. In this passage, Jesus commands his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit." This model emphasizes the importance of evangelism and disciple-making as the primary mission of the church.

The Acts 1:8 Model

Acts 1:8 outlines the geographical scope of the church's mission: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." This model emphasizes the need for both local and global mission. The church is called to witness to Christ in its own community as well as to reach out to those in distant lands.

The Acts 10 Model

Acts 10 records the story of Peter's encounter with Cornelius, a Gentile centurion. This event led to the realization that the gospel was not only for the Jews but for all people. The Acts 10 model highlights the importance of cross-cultural mission and the need to reach out to people from all backgrounds.

The Antioch Model (Acts 13-14)

The Antioch model is a comprehensive example of how a church can engage in mission effectively. It involves a strategic partnership between the local church and missionaries, a focus on reaching the lost, and a commitment to prayer and financial support.

Missional Implications for the Church

The biblical models of mission provide a number of important implications for the mission of the church today.

A Focus on Evangelism and Discipleship

The church's primary mission is to share the gospel with those who have not yet heard it and to disciple new believers. This involves both local outreach and global mission.

A Commitment to Cross-Cultural Mission

The church is called to reach out to people from all cultures and backgrounds. This requires a commitment to cross-cultural understanding and sensitivity.

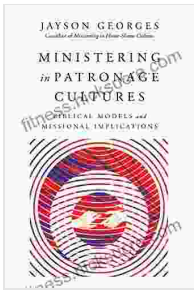
A Partnership between the Local Church and Missionaries

Local churches play a vital role in supporting missionaries. This includes prayer, financial support, and providing opportunities for missionaries to share their experiences.

A Commitment to Prayer and Financial Support

Prayer and financial support are essential for effective mission. The church should pray regularly for missionaries and give generously to support their work.

The biblical models of mission provide a solid foundation for the mission of the church today. By following these models, churches can engage effectively in evangelism, disciple-making, and cross-cultural mission. This will result in the growth of God's kingdom and the transformation of lives.



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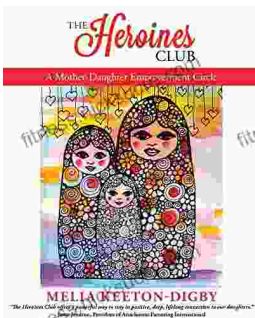
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