

The Holy Spirit Directs the Mission

1. God Directs Which *People* Go on the Missionary Trip (40-3).

2. The Holy Spirit Guides Which *Positions* to Hold (4-5).

3. He Sets the Course for Which *Places* to Visit (6-12).

CONCLUSION: Christ had sent them as His witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. But specifically where? When, and in what order? Who should go where? What of all that He taught them should they teach first and how? There are so many questions. And that's why He didn't send them alone. He sent His Holy Spirit to guide them. But what does that look like when you can't see Him? This beginning of the Second Missionary journey helps us to see how that gets worked out. Let us trust Him and follow the Holy Spirit's lead.

Acts 1: 8

“But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Romans 8: 12 – 17

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are **led by the Spirit** of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Galatians 5: 16 – 26

¹⁶ But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we **live by the Spirit**, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.