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Introduction

What is *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom 2012*?

Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom 2012 is about 5.6 million people in North Carolina who need Jesus! It's about 258 million people in North America who do not have a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. It's about 6 billion people on earth who are lost without Christ and it's about the 1.7 billion of those same people who have yet to even hear the name of Jesus. It's about North Carolina Baptists doing all we can to impact lostness in our world and playing a role in God's redemptive plan for lost humanity.

Specifically, *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom 2012* is the third year of a three-year focus on evangelism, discipleship and missions mobilization. During the 2010 *Find It Here* Easter evangelism emphasis, nearly 700 churches participated in intentionally sharing the Gospel of Christ with their neighbors, friends and family. Then, in 2011, hundreds of North Carolina Baptist churches committed to a yearlong focus on life-transformational discipleship. Baptist churches all across North Carolina were encouraged to pray for disciples, preach on discipleship, teach discipleship in classrooms and homes, and be disciples in their communities by serving. The Easter evangelism emphasis was repeated with eternal success experienced across the state.

Now, with the *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom 2012* emphasis, North Carolina Baptists turn their focus to the third leg of the Great Commission stool - missions mobilization. While churches are encouraged to plan for a third Easter evangelism emphasis and to continue to implement ministries focused on life-transformational discipleship, in 2012 we challenge North Carolina Baptists to live missional lives in their community, state, nation and world with the Gospel of Christ. It is our deep desire that during 2012 every North Carolina Baptist and every North Carolina Baptist church will take a step toward missional living, impacting the lostness around them with the Gospel of Christ. It is our ultimate prayer that the "step of missions" taken in 2012 by North Carolina Baptist churches will become an ever growing, ever-expanding missions outreach to a lost and dying world.

Foundational Definitions

Early in the development of the *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom* resources, a team of mission-minded North Carolina Baptists grappled with foundational definitions to guide their work. While most North Carolina Baptists use the terms "mission," "missions" and "missional," the meanings of these words often vary from Baptist to Baptist. What do Baptists mean when they speak of "mission" or "missions?" What do we mean when the term "missional" is used in our conversations, lessons and sermons? The resource development team studied various passages in the New Testament and the writings of expert missiologists. After prayerful discussion the following definitions were crafted to guide the development of *Find It Here* resources and are offered to North Carolina Baptists to provide a common language for our "Mission-Missions-Missional" discussions.

Mission: The mission of the church is to glorify God by striving to fulfill the Great Commission; intentionally proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all peoples and nations and by intentionally making mature, reproducing disciples of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Missions: The utilization of biblically sound and culturally relevant strategies, methodologies and resources as the church glorifies God by striving to fulfill the Great Commission; intentionally proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all peoples and nations and by intentionally making mature, reproducing disciples of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Missional: The essence of the individual Christ-follower, and thus collectively the essence of the church, to consistently engage the lost both locally and globally with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to develop those who embrace Jesus as Lord into mature, reproducing disciples.

Within these definitions we find the defining characteristic of the term “missions.” The word “missions” is plural. By its very etymological nature the word derives its meaning from the singular form “mission.” “Missions” flows from “mission!” Without the foundation of “mission” there is no such thing as “missions.” So, missions is all about glorifying God “by striving to fulfill the Great Commission; intentionally proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all peoples and nations and by intentionally making mature, reproducing disciples of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ.” Any ministry of the church, no matter the geographic location or how benevolent, that does not seek to fulfill the principle “intentionally proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all peoples and nations and by intentionally making mature, reproducing disciples of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ” falls far short of a Great Commission-based definition of missions.

The Four Phases of Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom 2012

Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom consists of four phases. Each phase is designed to help move your congregation from mission assessment to missions mobilization to missions evaluation. The four phases are:

The Discover Phase – The first phase in developing a comprehensive strategy is to discover the current reality of your church’s mission strategy and to communicate a biblical foundation on which to build a comprehensive mission strategy for your church.

The Develop Phase – Building on the Discover Phase, your leadership team will begin to lay the framework for a comprehensive mission strategy grounded in prayer and designed to create lasting Kingdom impact in order to penetrate lostness throughout the world.

The Implement Phase – Once the framework of the strategy is developed through the first two phases, your church will begin to see the vision unfold through prayer, vision trips and the mobilization of your church members.

The Evaluate Phase – Evaluation of your ongoing mission strategy will help the church maintain a constant pulse regarding its effectiveness. This will also help tell the story so others can catch the vision of the strategy God has given the church.

Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom Timeline

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| Discover | Develop | Implement | Evaluate |
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This Planning Guide addresses only the Discover Phase and includes resources to assist the local church in assessing her mission effectiveness and in the communication of a biblical missiology. The guide contains assessment tools, sermon outlines, Bible study materials, devotional resources and a timeline for effective implementation.

The Discover Phase is a four-step process to help your church discover the current state of your mission strategy in five key areas: Kingdom prayer, disciple-making, evangelism, mobilization and long term engagement. Working through the Discover Phase will help lay the foundation for the completion of your church’s comprehensive Acts 1:8 mission strategy. Below is a brief overview of the four steps in the Discover Phase:

Step 1: Assemble a Leadership Team

The discover assessment will be driven by the Acts 1:8 command, both geographically and by access to the Gospel. This document does not interpret the geographic boundaries for the Acts 1:8 locations due to the contextual nature of those terms for your church. The Leadership Team will be led by the pastor and can be a new team assembled for the purpose of this

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assessment, an existing Missions Committee already serving in the church, the deacons or any other committee or team that provides ministry leadership to your church.

Step 2: Complete the Leadership Team Pre-Assessment Definitions

The Leadership Team will define for the congregation the church's Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and "ends of the earth." To ensure the Congregational Assessment Survey is a valuable tool, it will be important to make these definitions as clear as possible.

Step 3: Complete the Congregational Assessment Survey

Once the Leadership Team has completed the Leadership Pre-Assessment Definitions, the congregation should complete the Congregational Assessment Survey. This assessment will give the Leadership Team the perception of the congregation as to the mission strategy currently in place in the church.

Step 4: Interpret the Congregational Assessment Survey/Complete the Leadership Team Assessment

The Congregational Assessment Survey will give your Leadership Team five measurements in each of the Acts 1:8 areas. These measurements will be used by the Leadership Team to lay the foundation for the development phase of the church's comprehensive Acts 1:8 assessment.

Resources for the Develop Phase, the Implement Phase and the Evaluate Phase are under development and will be available soon at www.finditherenc.org.

How to Use this Planning Guide

First, pause for a moment and pray. Every effective, eternal, spiritual ministry of your church must be bathed in prayer if it has any hope of succeeding. Ask God to speak to your heart and to the hearts of your church members about the need to be mobilized with the Gospel to reach the world for Jesus. Ask God to guide you as you lead your church through this emphasis and ask Him to raise up mission champions from your congregation. Ask God to bring maximum glory to Himself as your church takes her next step on the missions mobilization journey.

Second, familiarize yourself with the contents of "Chapter One - The Discover Phase: Assessing Mission Effectiveness." In the chapter, you will find a brief narrative explaining why mission assessment is critical, assessment tools to use with your church leadership and congregation, and instructions on how to tabulate and interpret the results of the assessment tools. Then, use the mission assessment tools with your church leaders and congregation.

Third, explore "Chapter Two - The Discover Phase: Communicating a Biblical Missiology." The chapter contains sermon outlines from North Carolina Baptist mission leaders focused on the Great Commission, Bible studies to reinforce the sermons, daily devotionals to stimulate prayer, and multiple models for communicating biblical missions principles to your church. Select the model which works best for your church and schedule it on the church calendar.

Fourth, if you serve a local Baptist association, examine the materials found in "Chapter Three - The Discover Phase: Associational Options." These options were specifically designed to help associational missionaries create catalytic mission events for the churches of their association. They will work well in associations of any size.

Finally, go to www.finditherenc.org and sign up to participate in *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom*. Under the "Sign Up" tab you will find a covenant where you can commit to personally be involved in this missions mobilization emphasis and where you can commit to influencing your church to take her next step toward being "on mission" with the Gospel of Christ.

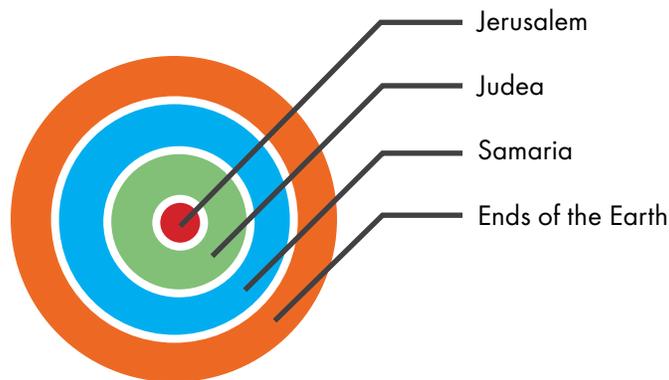


Chapter One: The Discover Phase: Assessing Mission Effectiveness

Acts 1:8 is an outline of the Book of Acts and the unfolding witness of the New Testament church to people who are lost without Christ. It is clear that Jesus reveals that the Gospel is not to be contained to one people group or geographical location, but rather the Gospel message is to be global. Often we focus on the geographical implications of Acts 1:8. It is critical for North Carolina Baptists to remember that the “ends of the earth” are now here in North Carolina. Researchers tell us more than 230 different languages are spoken in the homes of the school children in our state. We no longer have to travel 10+ hours to find people who have not heard the Gospel of Christ. Yet, to fulfill Acts 1:8 we must travel across the world with the message of the Gospel. Understanding God’s heart for the lost means understanding a commitment to take the Gospel to those who are unreached and unengaged as well as to those who have access to the Gospel but have not yet believed.

“Why are we going halfway around the world when we have people who need Jesus right here at our own backdoor?” If you are a pastor who has proposed sending money, people or praying for a mission effort outside your community, chances are you have heard this statement from some of your church members. The fact is that lost people do live in your community and your church has the responsibility to reach them with the Gospel, yet the demand of Scripture does not stop with your church field.

Part of the issue in this type of thinking is a “tree ring” understanding of Acts 1:8 (see below).



In the Acts 1:8 “tree ring” visual, we can unwillingly create two mindsets that can hinder the idea of a global mission strategy. The first is that Acts 1:8 becomes an obstacle course that only when we complete the first obstacle, our Jerusalem, can we move on to our Judea and beyond. It is this understanding that leads people to the “our own backdoor” comment.

The second mindset is that Acts 1:8 is only geographical. It is important for us to note the geographical component of Acts 1:8, but we must also view Acts 1:8 through the lens of “access to the Gospel.”

Access to the Gospel

If we are looking at Acts 1:8 as geographical only, our goal may be to go to all four Acts 1:8 locations - Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the “ends of the earth.” When we arrive at each of the four locations we may discover the people there are already saturated with access to the Gospel. Again, lost people live everywhere, but if we are going to fulfill the Great Commission, we must not ignore or neglect those who do not have access to the Gospel. Remember, about 1.7 billion people on earth have never even heard the name of Jesus. North Carolina Baptists have a biblical responsibility to share Christ with these unengaged peoples. The goal for our mission strategy should be both geographical and “Gospel access” driven in order to be comprehensive. Such an Acts 1:8 mission strategy model then becomes a “four lane highway” creating maximum mobilization of the Gospel through the mission efforts of God’s people. The church must travel each lane of this Gospel highway communicating the message of Christ to people living in each of the four categories.

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| Reached | People who have regular and consistent access to the Gospel and a significant portion of the population are evangelical Christians. |
| Access | People with access to the Gospel, yet the large majority of the population is void of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. |
| Unreached | A people group where the population of evangelical Christians is less than 2%. |
| Unengaged | A people group when there is no evidence of evangelical faith and practice within the group. |

When we develop an Acts 1:8 strategy that is not only geographical, but also “Gospel access” driven, the possibilities of global and lasting impact on lostness will be greater.

The Discover Assessment Process

As we create a process for ministry in the church we must understand a core principle: God’s Word must always drive the process. Therefore, we must place our current situation against the command of Scripture. The Congregational Assessment Survey and Leadership Team Assessment are designed to help your church discover if the current state of your church’s mission strategy is consistent with the Acts 1:8 command to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the “ends of the earth.”

Both tools are designed to evaluate four critical areas of a holistic mission strategy:

Missional Prayer Strategy – an intentional Kingdom-focused prayer strategy in the church to pray toward impacting lostness as people are transformed by the power of God’s grace found only in Jesus Christ.

Evangelism/Disciple-Making Strategy – a strategy to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by intentionally making mature, reproducing disciples of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Mobilizing – the active deployment of people and resources into areas for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.

Engaging – the long term intentional commitment to a specific group of people or geographic location for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making mature reproducing disciples within the context of a local church.

Instructions for Completing the Discover Assessment Process

Step 1: Assemble a Leadership Team

This assessment will be driven by the Acts 1:8 command, both geographically and by access to the Gospel. The document does not interpret the geographic boundaries for the Acts 1:8 locations due to the contextual nature of those terms for your church. The Leadership Team will be led by the pastor and can be a new team assembled for the purpose of this assessment, an existing Missions Committee already serving in the church, the deacons or any other committee or team that provides ministry leadership to your congregation.

Step 2: Complete the Leadership Team Pre-Assessment Definitions

The Leadership Team will define for the congregation the church’s Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and “ends of the earth.” To ensure the Congregational Assessment Survey (completed in Step 3) is a valuable tool, it will be important to make these definitions as clear as possible (see Appendix A for a downloadable copy).

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Acts 1:8 Leadership Team Pre-Assessment Definitions

Under each of the four Acts 1:8 locations define as specific as possible a working interpretation for each area as it relates to your specific context. Keep in mind that these areas do not have to be defined by local, state, and national boundaries. Remember, these are interpretations for geographical understanding only. Within the Congregational Assessment, the Gospel access interpretations will be fleshed out.

Jerusalem – The area within the daily routine of members of your church. (Example: one church defined this area as the 20-mile radius around the church where most of the members live.)

Our Jerusalem: _____

Judea – The area outside the daily routine of members of your church, but the geographical distance does not require a substantial amount of time and resources to access. (Example: one church defined this as the regional area in which the local high school's athletic conference was located. It extended beyond their Jerusalem, yet was within driving distance and was traveled frequently by church members.)

Our Judea: _____

Samaria – The area outside an easy commute, yet readily accessible with an increasing amount of time and resources. (Example: one church defined this area as Toronto, Ontario, in connection with the BSCNC's partnership.)

Our Samaria: _____

Ends of the Earth – The area not readily accessible without a substantial amount of time and resources. (Example: one church defined this area as a people group in Burma that is unreached with the Gospel.)

Our Ends of the Earth: _____

*Once these definitions are completed, provide the results to those who will take the Congregational Assessment Survey to help define the areas for the purpose of clarity in the assessment.

Step 3: Complete the Congregational Assessment Survey

Now that the Leadership Team has completed the Leadership Pre-Assessment Definitions, the congregation should complete the Congregational Assessment Survey. The preferred method to complete the Congregational Assessment Survey is the electronic option. This will allow for instant results for each survey and an instant tabulation of all the congregational surveys once they have all been returned to the Leadership Team. See Appendix B for the "Acts 1:8 Congregational Assessment Electronic Survey Instructions" to help guide you through this process. The electronic method will provide the most time efficient way to administer and tabulate the Congregational Assessment Survey.

A paper copy of the assessment is also available and included in this booklet (see below. A downloadable version is provided in Appendix C). If you choose to use the paper copy, the Office of Great Commission Partnerships can assist you in tabulating the survey results.

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Acts 1:8 Congregational Assessment Survey

Under each of the four Acts 1:8 locations, circle the statement that best describes the effectiveness of our church's mission strategy. Please use the definitions below to help clarify the major concepts used in the questions.

Missional Prayer Strategy – an intentional Kingdom-focused prayer strategy in the church to pray toward impacting lostness as people are transformed by the power of God's grace found only in Jesus Christ.

Evangelism/Disciple-Making Strategy – a strategy to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by intentionally making mature, reproducing disciples of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Mobilizing – the active deployment of people and resources into areas for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.

Engaging – the long term intentional commitment to a specific group of people or geographic location for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making mature, reproducing disciples within the context of a local church.

Please circle the answer that best describes your personal assessment of our church's mission ministry.

Our Jerusalem: _____

1. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Jerusalem.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

2. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our Jerusalem.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

3. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Jerusalem.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

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4. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our Jerusalem for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

5. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our Jerusalem. (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

Our Judea: _____

6. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Judea.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

7. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our Judea.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

8. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Judea.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

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9. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our Judea for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
10. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our Judea. (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

Our Samaria: _____

11. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Samaria.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
12. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our Samaria.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
13. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Samaria.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

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14. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our Samaria for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
15. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our Samaria. (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

Our Ends of the Earth: _____

16. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our ends of the earth.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
17. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our ends of the earth.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
18. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our ends of the earth.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

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19. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our ends of the earth for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
20. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our ends of the earth (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

Step 4: Interpret the Congregational Assessment Survey/Complete the Leadership Team Assessment

The Congregational Assessment Survey will give your Leadership Team five measurements in each of the Acts 1:8 areas. These measurements will be used to complete the Leadership Team Assessment. The congregational survey provides a percentage of effectiveness as perceived by the members of the congregation in the areas of Kingdom prayer, disciple-making, evangelism, mobilization and long term engagement. These percentages are not to be used as a “pass/fail” indication, but rather as a guide to see the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the current mission strategy.

As the Leadership Team works through the results it will be important to answer several questions:

- What are the areas in which significant holes are present in our strategy?
- Is the perception of the congregation a lack of strategy or a lack of a clearly communicated strategy?
- Are there areas in which the congregation perceives an effective strategy when there is not one present?

The Leadership Team, looking at the results from the Congregational Assessment Survey, will begin to answer the more specific details outlined in the Acts 1:8 Leadership Team Assessment. The Office of Great Commission Partnerships is available to provide assistance in helping evaluate the Congregational Assessment Survey as needed. Contact Mike Sowers at msowers@ncbaptist.org or 800.395.5102 ext. 5654 for assistance.

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Acts 1:8 Leadership Team Assessment

Use the results from the Congregational Assessment Survey, along with a leadership assessment of current mission strategies in the church, to complete the Leadership Team Assessment (a downloadable version is available in Appendix D). It is important that you answer the questions as they represent current reality based on the Congregational Assessment Survey results and your Leadership Team's assessment. Your honest evaluation is critical and will prove most beneficial as you enter the Develop Phase, enabling the church to address areas that may be deficient in your Acts 1:8 mission strategy. Before answering the questions, fill in the percentages from the combined results of the Congregational Assessment Survey in the spaces provided below.

If the answer to one of the following questions is, "We don't have one," please record that answer in the blanks provided.

Our Jerusalem: _____

Survey Results for Our Jerusalem

- Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%
- Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%
- Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%
- Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%
- Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

1. What is our prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Jerusalem?

2. What fruit have we seen as a result of this prayer strategy?

3. How are we intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Jerusalem?

4. How are we intentionally making disciples in our Jerusalem?

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5. What has been the result of this intentionality in disciple-making or lack of intentionality in disciple-making on our church?

6. How and where are we mobilizing people and resources in our Jerusalem for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples?

7. What groups of people are we engaging long term to impact lostness among their affinity group? (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, other cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

Our Judea: _____

Survey Results for Our Judea

Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%

Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%

Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%

Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%

Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

1. What is our prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Judea?

2. What fruit have we seen as a result of this prayer strategy?

3. How are we intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Judea?

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4. How are we intentionally making disciples in our Judea?

5. What has been the result of this intentionality in disciple-making or lack of intentional disciple-making on our church?

6. How and where are we mobilizing people and resources in our Judea for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples?

7. What groups of people are we engaging long term to impact lostness among their affinity group? (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

Our Samaria: _____

Survey Results for Our Samaria

- Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%
- Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%
- Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%
- Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%
- Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

1. What is our prayer strategy for impacting our Samaria?

2. What fruit have we seen as a result of this prayer strategy?

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3. How are we intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Samaria?

4. How are we intentionally making disciples in our Samaria?

5. What has been the result of this intentionality in disciple-making or lack of intentional disciple-making on our church?

6. How and where are we mobilizing people and resources in our Samaria for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples?

7. What groups of people are we engaging long term to impact lostness among their affinity group? (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

Our Ends of the Earth: _____

Survey Results for Our Ends of the Earth

Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%

Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%

Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%

Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%

Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

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1. What is our prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Ends of the Earth?

2. What fruit have we seen as a result of this prayer strategy?

3. How are we intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Ends of the Earth?

4. How are we intentionally making disciples in our Ends of the Earth?

5. What has been the result of this intentionality in disciple-making or lack of intentional disciple-making on our church?

6. How and where are we mobilizing people and resources in our Ends of the Earth for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples?

7. What groups of people are we engaging long term to impact lostness among their affinity group? (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)



Chapter Two: The Discover Phase: Communicating a Biblical Missiology

Key Concepts

Multiple passages of Scripture, from both the Old and New Testaments, contribute to the development of a holistic understanding of biblical missiology. From Genesis 12:1-3, “Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed” to Revelation 5:9, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for you were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood (men) from every tribe and tongue and people and nation” and in numerous passages in between, Scripture reveals God’s desire for all the nations to be drawn to Him. While the totality of Scripture forms a holistic missiology, many missiologists would agree that the hallmark missiological passages of Scripture are those known as the Great Commission passages, namely Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, Acts 1 and the “Macedonian Call” passage of Acts 16. In order for North Carolina Baptists to embrace a missional lifestyle we must understand and respond positively to the following biblical concepts:

1. Global disciple-making is the mission of the church. **(Matthew 28)**
2. The Gospel is our message. To be true to the Gospel we must proclaim the crucifixion of Christ, His resurrection from the grave, repentance from sin, and forgiveness of sin that is found only in Christ. **(Mark 16 and Luke 24)**
3. Jesus, the Master Missionary, is our model for missions. **(John 20)**
4. We have a mandate to communicate the Gospel locally and globally, and among the reached and the unreached, regardless of geographical location. **(Acts 1)**
5. Six billion “Macedonians” are calling North Carolina Baptists to “come over and help us.” We must respond to the global outcry of souls for the Christ of the Gospel. **(Acts 16)**

Primary Communication Resources

North Carolina Baptists who are passionate about missions have developed multiple resources to assist local churches in teaching these key concepts. Designed to be used in an integrated fashion, the sermon outlines, small group Bible studies and personal devotional guides were developed to assist the pastor in communicating Great Commission truth. These resources include:

5-Part Sermon Series (See Appendix E)

Sermon Outline #1: Our Mission - Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon Outline #2: Our Message - Mark 16:14-16, Luke 24:44-49

Sermon Outline #3: Our Model - John 20:19-22

Sermon Outline #4: Our Mandate - Acts 1:6-8

Sermon Outline #5: Our Macedonian Call - Acts 16:6-10

These outlines are available in a downloadable format at www.finditherenc.org. Click on the “Resources” tab and they are listed under “Preach.”

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4 Small Group Bible Studies (See Appendix F)

Bible Study #1: Our Mission – Matthew 28:18-20

Bible Study #2: Our Message – Mark 16:14-16, Luke 24:44-49

Bible Study #3: Our Model – John 20:19-22

Bible Study #4: Our Mandate – Acts 1:6-8

Written for teenagers and adults, these downloadable Bible studies can be used in either a Sunday School or Home Bible Study format. They are “companion studies,” meaning Bible Study #1 is intended for use in conjunction with Sermon #1.

To download these resources go to www.finditherenc.org. Click on the “Resources” tab and they are listed under “Teach.”

20 Daily Devotionals (See Appendix G)

Week #1 – 5 Devotionals

Week #2 – 5 Devotionals

Week #3 – 5 Devotionals

Week #4 – 5 Devotionals

Again, written for teenagers and adults, these downloadable devotionals are designed to reinforce concepts learned in the corresponding sermon and Bible study. To download these resources go to www.finditherenc.org. Click on the “Resources” tab and they are listed under “Devotions.”

To demonstrate how a local church might use these tools in an integrated teaching format, consider the following suggested model. This model is considered optimal because it immerses the congregation in an extended period of mission focus, prayer, discussion and learning.

“Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom – The 5-Week Optimal Model”*

Week #1

Sermon Outline #1 – Our Mission

Bible Study #1 – Our Mission

Week #1 Devotionals

Week #2

Sermon Outline #2 – Our Message

Bible Study #2 – Our Message

Week #2 Devotionals

Week #3

Sermon Outline #3 – Our Model

Bible Study #3 – Our Model

Week #3 Devotionals

Week #4

Sermon Outline #4 – Our Mandate

Bible Study #4 – Our Mandate

Week #4 Devotions

Week #5

Sermon Outline #5 – Our Macedonian Call

Missions Commitment Sunday

***For a 4-Day Missions Revival Model or a Weekend Missions Celebration Model see Appendix H.**

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Additional Communication Resources

Additional resources are available to assist the pastor/Bible study leader in preaching/teaching the key Great Commission passages and in creating a passion within the listeners to live missional lives. Selected videos highlighting missions opportunities with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, North Carolina Baptist Men, the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board are listed below for your convenience. These videos are suggested to help highlight the strategic partnership opportunities available to North Carolina Baptists. For more information about these partnerships contact Mike Sowers at msowers@ncbaptist.org or 800.395.5102 ext. 5654, or contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or 800.395.5102 ext. 5607.

GENERAL

Animation: Who is the Church? <http://www.ncbaptist.org/index.php?id=2160>

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

New York Video http://www.ncbaptist.org/index.php?id=mandate_feb20110

Moldova <http://www.ncbaptist.org/index.php?id=2321>

Toronto (TBD)

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN

Pennsylvania Partnership http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fRil8fy7V4&feature=player_embedded

Kenya: Houses of Hope <http://www.youtube.com/baptistsonmission#p/u/17/onru-dvYc5U>

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

SEND North America <http://www.namb.net/namb1cb2col.aspx?id=8590001470>

New York http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPFAShUPvEI&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

Canada <http://www.namb.net/namb1cb2col.aspx?id=8590001459>

Northeast USA <http://www.namb.net/namb1cb2col.aspx?id=8590001455>

Additional NAMB Resources http://www.namb.net/Send_North_America_Video/

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Unengaged People Group Challenge <http://www.imb.org/main/lead/embracedefaultvideo.asp?StoryID=9651&LanguageID=1709#video>

South Carolina Church Adopting a UUPG <http://www.imb.org/main/lead/touchvideo.asp>

Vietnam <http://www.imb.org/main/downloads/flashvideos.asp?filename=/files/127/12788/12788-72448.flv>

Eric Reese, Missionary to Brazil <http://www.imb.org/main/downloads/flashvideos.asp?filename=/files/127/12792/12792-72520.flv>

Englewood Baptist church, Rocky Mount, NC <http://www.imb.org/main/downloads/flashvideos.asp?filename=/files/133/13357/13357-74865.mp4>

Additional IMB Video Resources: <http://www.imb.org/main/downloads/page.asp?StoryID=9489&LanguageID=1709>



Chapter Three: The Discover Phase: Associational Options

Introduction

As an associational missionary, you are part of a network of Baptist leaders who have answered God's call to assist the local church to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your leadership role allows you to play a key role in encouraging churches in your association to develop and initiate a mission strategy. Your position and role allows you the opportunity to teach foundational biblical missiology to your churches. The end goal is to assist churches in declaring their commitment to necessary changes that will result in effectively carrying out the Great Commission.

Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom

Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom, launched by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, serves as a method to inspire and encourage churches to develop and utilize a strategy for missions and ministry that is both intentional and comprehensive. By doing so, churches are encouraged to build a "framework" for missions that will result in a passion to carry out the Great Commission.

The desired outcome of *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom* is for every church to become a "worldwide mission center" as it fulfills the Great Commission and partners strategically with its local association, state convention, North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). This partnership aspect is where the challenge finds real strength as a comprehensive initiative.

A Guide to Assist Associations

Some associational missionaries already focus on assisting churches to carry out the Great Commission through an intentional strategy for missions. Whatever your experience, this guide is intended to offer suggestions for associational missionaries as they seek to assist churches in fulfilling the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. This guide may be used as a tool to equip the associational missionary in assisting pastors and missions leaders to implement their own response to *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom*. It is a tool that can be utilized to add value to your associational ministry effectiveness.

Your relationship with established pastors can be strengthened and relationships with new pastors can be built through this intentional mission strategy process. Continuous interaction with your missions leaders will help you build unity and a strong missional culture within the churches of your association. Since this guide is not comprehensive, associational missionaries are encouraged to take advantage of recommended resources through the *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom* Website: www.finditherenc.org. As you consider aspects of this guide, think about ways you can help church leaders to be creative and sensitive to the Holy Spirit as God leads their church to be more missional. As your vision for your association develops, you may create and develop your own strategy, or use this guide to determine your unique process.

Key Preparation Resources

Churches may be encouraged to spiritually prepare five weeks prior to the associational-wide event by utilizing one or more of the following *Find It Here: Expanding the Kingdom* resources:

Five sermons exploring the biblical basis of missions. [Appendix E]

Four small group Bible studies corresponding to the sermon material. [Appendix F]

A four-week devotional guide with prayer points throughout.

Video vignettes of BSCNC mission partnerships and other relevant video resources. [See pgs. 20-21]

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Sample Models for an Association-wide Missions Challenge

The local association may host and utilize an association-wide event to raise awareness, teach biblical missiology, highlight opportunities, challenge believers and engage churches toward adopting at least one mission opportunity in which to minister and witness. The association may create its own event model or choose one of the following sample models.

One Evening Catalyst Event

Friday Evening

- World missions banquet with international foods and music
- Praise and prayer time
- Testimonies or interviews with missionaries or people engaged in missions representing areas of Acts 1:8
- Missions fair

One Day Catalyst Event

Saturday morning (8 a.m.- 12 p.m.)

Missions activities (in each church's community) with such options as: Operation Inasmuch; children's imaginary mission trips, games and activities; youth projects, family missions projects.

Saturday afternoon break out options (choose two: 2-3:15 p.m., 3:30-4:45 p.m.)

- Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Ends of the Earth mission opportunities
- Fundamentals of prayerwalking and prayerdriving
- Family mission trip opportunities
- Future mission trip opportunities
- How to become an Acts 1:8 Christian
- How to lead a mission trip
- How to raise funds for a mission trip or project
- How to develop a long-term mission partnership
- How to adopt a people group or missionary
- How to plant a church
- How to become a short-term, long-term or career missionary
- Passport applications and pictures

Dinner and exhibits (5-7 p.m.)

- Children's mission party
- Youth/college party with speaker
- World missions banquet with international foods and music (adults)
- Missions fair

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Saturday evening missions celebration rally (adults) options (7-8 p.m.):

- Corporate worship and prayer time
- Testimonies or interviews with missionaries or people engaged in missions representing areas of Acts 1:8
- Drama and flags
- Special missions or project offering
- Acts 1:8 challenge sermon
- Life commitment invitation

Two Day Catalyst Event

Friday evening (6-9 p.m.)

- World missions banquet with international foods and music
- Praise and prayer time
- Testimonies or interviews with missionaries or people engaged in missions representing areas of Acts 1:8
- Missions fair

Saturday morning (8 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Missions activities (in each church's community) with such options as: Operation Inasmuch; children's imaginary mission trips, games and activities; youth projects, family missions projects.

Saturday afternoon break out options (choose two: 2-3:15 p.m., 3:30-4:45 p.m.)

- Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Ends of the Earth mission opportunities
- Fundamentals of prayerwalking and prayerdriving
- Family mission trip opportunities
- Future mission trip opportunities
- How to become an Acts 1:8 Christian
- How to lead a mission trip
- How to raise funds for a mission trip or project
- How to develop a long-term missions partnership
- How to adopt a people group or missionary
- How to plant a church
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Dinner (5 p.m.)

- Children's missions party
- Youth/college party with speaker
- Light meal

Saturday evening missions celebration rally (adults) options (6-8 p.m.):

- Corporate worship
- Prayer time
- Missionary or mission trip participant interviews or speakers
- Drama and flags
- Special missions or project offering
- Acts 1:8 challenge sermon
- Life commitment invitation

Associational-wide Church Renewal Journey Weekend Event

The associational missionary may enlist and engage churches throughout the association to participate in a simultaneous association-wide Church Renewal Journey Weekend. For information on this model contact Bob Foy at bfoy@ncbaptist.org or 800.395.5102, ext. 5569.

Missions Fair Ideas: (Mission opportunity booklet ideas)

- Local mission opportunities through local churches
- Mission opportunities through the association
- Mission opportunities through the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
- Mission opportunities through the North American Mission Board
- Mission opportunities through the International Mission Board

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Under each of the four Acts 1:8 locations, define as specific as possible a working interpretation for each area as it relates to your specific context. Keep in mind that these areas do not have to be defined by local, state, and national boundaries. Remember, these are interpretations for geographical understanding only. Within the Congregational Assessment, the Gospel access interpretations will be fleshed out.

Jerusalem – The area within the daily routine of members of your church. (Example: one church defined this area as the 20-mile radius around a church where most of the members live.)

Our Jerusalem: _____

Judea – The area outside the daily routine of members of your church, but the geographical distance does not require a substantial amount of time and resources to access. (Example: one church defined this as the regional area in which the local high school's athletic conference was located. It extended beyond their Jerusalem but was within driving distance and was traveled frequently by church members.)

Our Judea: _____

Samaria – The area outside an easy commute, but readily accessible with an increasing amount of time and resources. (Example: one church defined this area as Toronto, Ontario in connection with the BSCNC's partnership.)

Our Samaria: _____

Ends of the Earth – The area not readily accessible without a substantial amount of time and resources. (Example: one church defined this area as a people group in Burma that is unreached with the Gospel.)

Our Ends of the Earth: _____

***Once these definitions are completed, provide the results to those who will take the congregational assessment survey to help define the areas for the purpose of clarity in the assessment.**



Appendix B: Acts 1:8 Congregational Assessment Electronic Version Instructions

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The following guide will help walk you through the method of congregational assessment that is most time effective for you and your church members. Following this guide will allow instant results for the Leadership Team to work with as they move through the Discover Phase. If you have any questions or need further clarification please contact the Office of Great Commission Partnerships at 800.395.5102 ext. 5654 or msowers@ncbaptist.org.

Step One: Create a new folder for your completed surveys to be housed on your computer.

- On the main screen right-click on your mouse and a drop down menu will appear.
- Scroll down to the word NEW which will bring up another drop down menu.
- Scroll down to the word FOLDER and double click with the left side of your mouse. A new folder will appear on your desktop as seen below. For the surveys to be properly tabulated it will be important that the master copy and all completed surveys be placed in this new folder and nothing else.

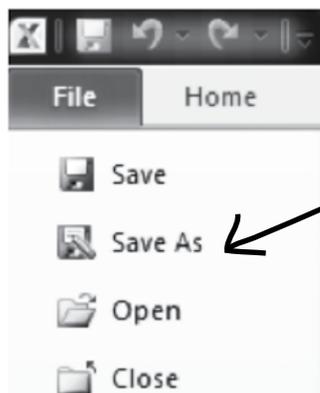


Step Two: Distribute the surveys to members of the congregation.

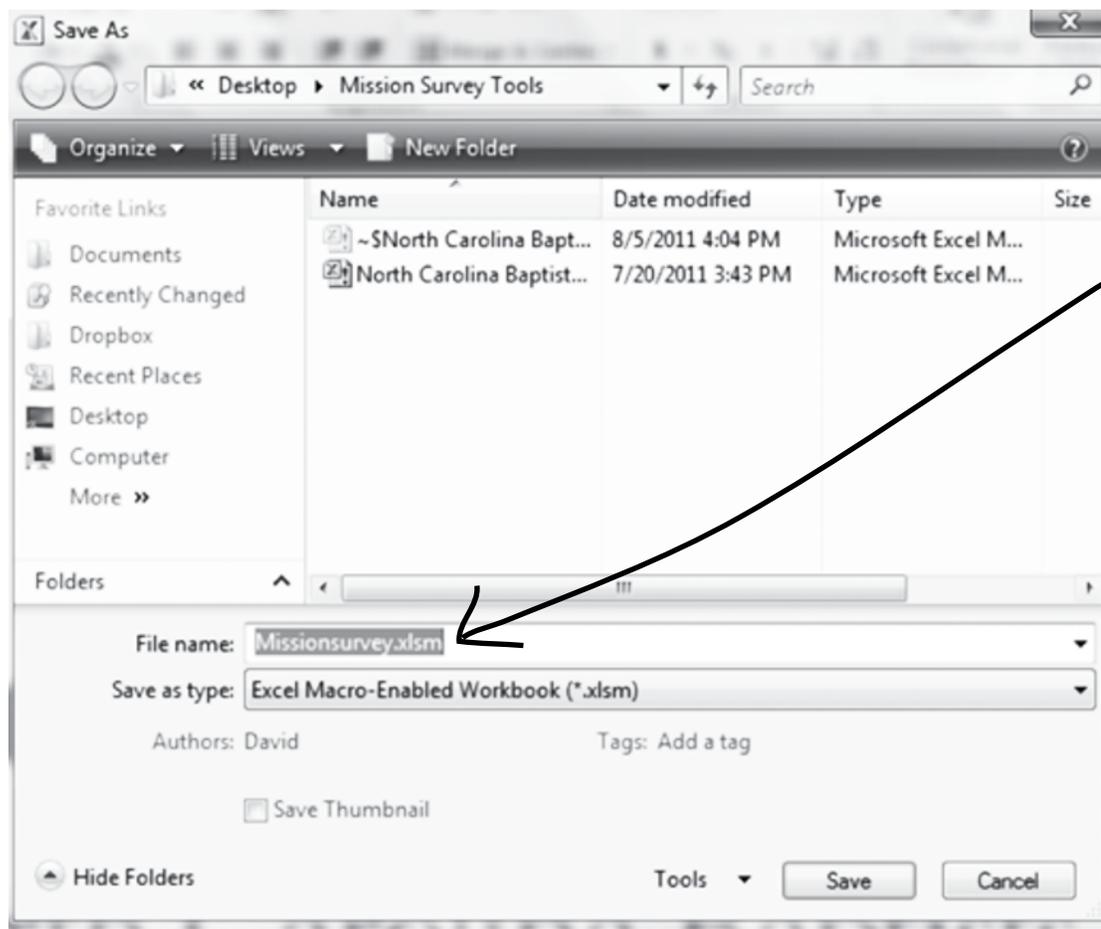
- To email the survey, attach the file labeled MISSIONSURVEY from the DVD or the downloadable copy from the Website.
- In the email you send, please provide the following instructions to the one completing the mission assessment survey:
 - Open the attachment labeled MISSIONSURVEY.
 - Once you open the survey make sure to ENABLE CONTENT if your computer prompts you with this option (not all computers will ask you to complete this step; it will depend on your computer settings).
 - Complete all 20 survey questions. All questions must have a complete answer.
 - Once you have completed the survey, save the survey and rename it as your name (ie. JohnSmith.xlsx) and email it back to (please insert the email address here where the surveys are to be returned) in order for the congregation results to be tabulated.

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- In addition to the previous instructions you may need to provide the following instructions for those who may not be familiar with saving a document:
 - To save the survey you will right click on the file ribbon at the top left and scroll down to SAVE AS and left click as shown below.

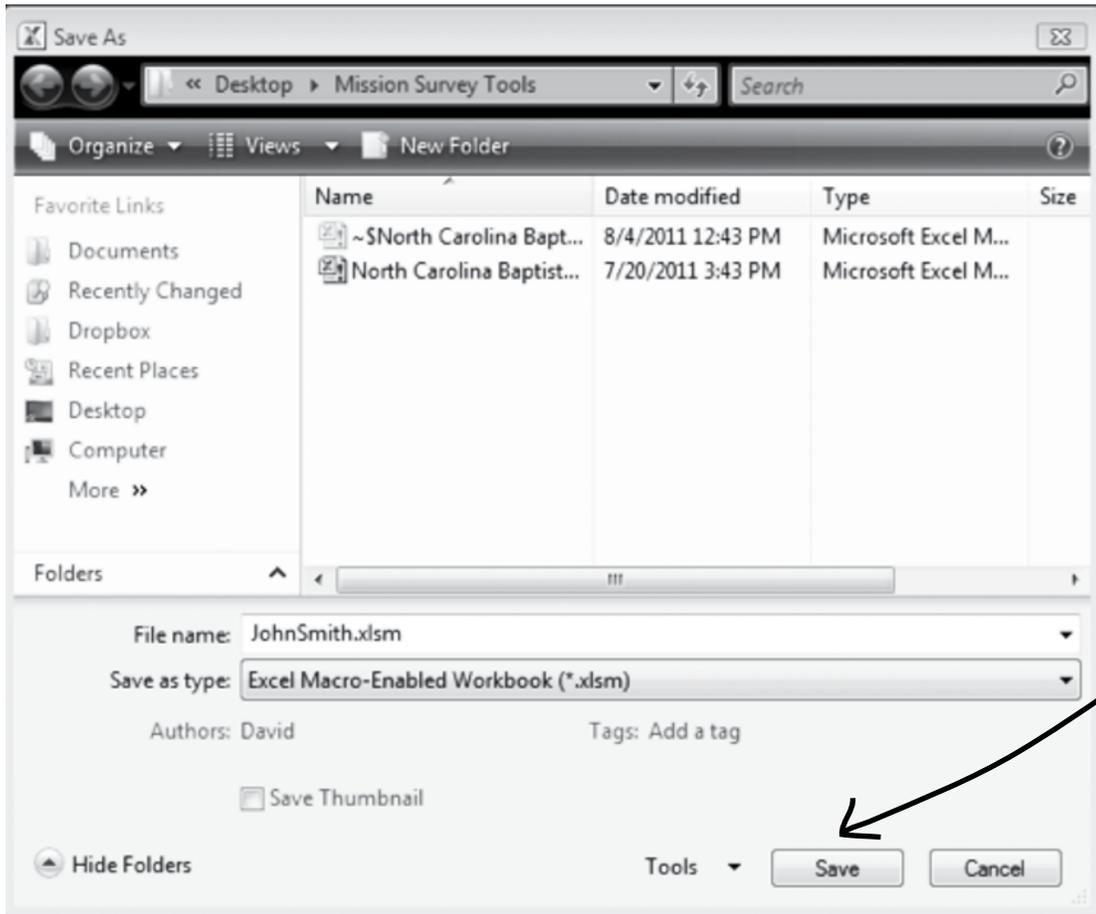


- The SAVE AS screen will then appear and give you the opportunity to change the name of the file under FILE NAME as shown below



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- o You will then change the name from mission survey to your name and press SAVE as shown below.



- o Once the document is saved, email the document to (please insert the email address here where the surveys are to be returned) in order for the congregation results to be tabulated.

Step Three: Tabulate the results

- When the completed surveys are returned, save the completed surveys in the new folder that was created. Again, for the surveys to be properly tabulated, it will be important that the master copy and all complete surveys be placed in this new folder and nothing else.
- Open the master survey and click the CLICK HERE TO COMBINE SURVEYS button as shown below.

CLICK HERE TO COMBINE SURVEYS

- Once the button is clicked you will be asked which surveys to combine. You will select all the surveys in the folder and select open. The master survey will then tabulate the results. This may take a few minutes based on the number of surveys you have.

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Step Four: View the Results

- The results of the combined surveys will be found on the bottom of the worksheet under the tab labeled TOTALSCORE. Under this tab you will find both the percentage of those who answered that the strategy was effective and the percentage of those who answered the strategy was non-effective. The percentage will be shown for each of the five measurements under each of the four Acts 1:8 areas.
- If computer settings are set up to have the MACROS disabled you will not see the TOTALSCORE tab automatically and will need to turn on the MACROS with the following instructions:
 - Using your mouse or mouse pad, left click on the developer ribbon at the top of the page.
 - Once the developer toolbar is shown, left click on the MACROS tab on the left side of the toolbar.
 - A drop down menu will appear. You will select UNHIDE WORKSHEETS and left click RUN. This will make all the tabs appear at the bottom of the page. Select the TOTALSCORE tab and view the results.

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Under each of the four Acts 1:8 locations, circle the statement that best describes the effectiveness of our church's mission strategy. Please use the definitions below to help clarify the major concepts used in the questions.

Missional Prayer Strategy – an intentional Kingdom-focused prayer strategy in the church to pray toward impacting lostness as people are transformed by the power of God's grace found only in Jesus Christ.

Evangelism/Disciple-Making Strategy – a strategy to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by intentionally making mature, reproducing disciples of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Mobilizing – the active deployment of people and resources into areas for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.

Engaging – the long term intentional commitment to a specific group of people or geographic location for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making mature reproducing disciples within the context of a local church.

Please circle the answer that best describes your personal assessment of our church's mission ministry.

Our Jerusalem: _____

1. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Jerusalem.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

2. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our Jerusalem.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

3. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Jerusalem.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

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4. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our Jerusalem for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

5. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our Jerusalem. (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

Our Judea: _____

6. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Judea.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

7. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our Judea.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

8. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Judea.
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

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9. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our Judea for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
10. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our Judea. (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

Our Samaria: _____

11. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Samaria.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
12. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our Samaria.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware
13. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Samaria.
- A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. Somewhat Disagree
 - D. Strongly Disagree
 - E. Unaware

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14. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our Samaria for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Somewhat Agree
- C. Somewhat Disagree
- D. Strongly Disagree
- E. Unaware

15. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our Samaria. (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Somewhat Agree
- C. Somewhat Disagree
- D. Strongly Disagree
- E. Unaware

Our Ends of the Earth: _____

16. We have an effective prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our ends of the earth.

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Somewhat Agree
- C. Somewhat Disagree
- D. Strongly Disagree
- E. Unaware

17. We have an effective strategy for intentionally making disciples in our ends of the earth.

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Somewhat Agree
- C. Somewhat Disagree
- D. Strongly Disagree
- E. Unaware

18. We have an effective strategy for intentionally evangelizing the lost in our ends of the earth.

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Somewhat Agree
- C. Somewhat Disagree
- D. Strongly Disagree
- E. Unaware

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19. We have an effective strategy for mobilizing people and resources in our ends of the earth for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples.

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Somewhat Agree
- C. Somewhat Disagree
- D. Strongly Disagree
- E. Unaware

20. We have an effective strategy for engaging groups of people over a significant period of time to impact lostness among their affinity group in our ends of the earth (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Somewhat Agree
- C. Somewhat Disagree
- D. Strongly Disagree
- E. Unaware



Appendix D: Acts 1:8 Leadership Team Assessment

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Use the results from the Congregational Assessment Survey, along with a leadership assessment of current mission strategies in the church, to complete the Leadership Team Assessment. It is important that you answer the questions as they represent current reality based on the Congregational Assessment Survey results and your Leadership Team's assessment. Your honest evaluation is critical and will prove most beneficial as you enter the Develop Phase, enabling the church to address areas that may be deficient in your Acts 1:8 mission strategy. Before answering the questions, fill in the percentages from the combined results of the Congregational Assessment Survey in the spaces provide below.

If the answer to one of the following questions is, "We don't have one," please record that answer in the blanks provided.

Our Jerusalem: _____

Survey Results for Our Jerusalem

- Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%
- Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%
- Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%
- Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%
- Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

1. What is our prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Jerusalem?

2. What fruit have we seen as a result of this prayer strategy?

3. How are we intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Jerusalem?

4. How are we intentionally making disciples in our Jerusalem?

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5. What has been the result of this intentionality in disciple-making or lack of intentionality in disciple-making on our church?

6. How and where are we mobilizing people and resources in our Jerusalem for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples?

7. What groups of people are we engaging long term to impact lostness among their affinity group? (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, other cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

Our Judea: _____

Survey Results for Our Judea

Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%

Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%

Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%

Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%

Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

1. What is our prayer strategy for impacting lostness in our Judea?

2. What fruit have we seen as a result of this prayer strategy?

3. How are we intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Judea?

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4. How are we intentionally making disciples in our Judea?

5. What has been the result of this intentionality in disciple-making or lack of intentional disciple-making on our church?

6. How and where are we mobilizing people and resources in our Judea for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples?

7. What groups of people are we engaging long term to impact lostness among their affinity group? (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

Our Samaria: _____

Survey Results for Our Samaria

Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%

Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%

Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%

Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%

Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

1. What is our prayer strategy for impacting our Samaria?

2. What fruit have we seen as a result of this prayer strategy?

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3. How are we intentionally evangelizing the lost in our Samaria?

4. How are we intentionally making disciples in our Samaria?

5. What has been the result of this intentionality in disciple-making or lack of intentional disciple-making on our church?

6. How and where are we mobilizing people and resources in our Samaria for the purpose of evangelizing the lost and making disciples?

7. What groups of people are we engaging long term to impact lostness among their affinity group? (Groups may include those of other religions, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, cultural affinities such as cowboys and bikers, or those who are religious only in cultural practices.)

Our Ends of the Earth: _____

Survey Results for Our Ends of the Earth

Effective Prayer Strategy: _____%

Effective Evangelism Strategy: _____%

Effective Disciple-Making Strategy: _____%

Effective Mobilization Strategy: _____%

Effective Long term Engaging Strategy: _____%

Appendix D: Acts 1:8 Leadership Team Assessment

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