

# **COVENANT KEEPERS LESSON PLAN**

## **Book no.8- Chapter 9 – The Missionary Church**

### **Objectives :**

- To explore the motivations and challenges of being a missionary.
- To understand the methods the church uses to evangelize.
- To explore the purpose of evangelization and its significance in the church.
- To explore role of apostles in the missionary work
- To understand the missionary work established by the Syro Malabar Church

### **Starter: (10 minutes)**

Begin with a brief discussion about what the students already know about missionaries. Ask questions like:

- Who is a missionary?
- What do they do?
- Why do people become missionaries?

Begin to explain the versus Matthew Chp 28: 19-20 on how Jesus entrusted the disciples to go the corners of the world and preach the good news.

### **Presentation of Topic:-**

#### **Jesus Christ; the One sent by God (10 minutes)**

Explore how God sent Jesus into this world and his role in being a missionary.

Briefly discuss the works done by Jesus that became part of the mission work and how he set an example by his life, death and resurrection.

Highlight the role of Holy Spirit that led and entrusted Jesus and the apostles do carry out the missionary work.

#### **The Mission of the Church for Evangelization (15 minutes)**

Start with a discussion on what evangelization means. Ask guiding questions like:

- What is evangelization?
- Why is it important for the church?
- How does the church traditionally spread its message (through missions, media, personal testimony)?

Show examples of how evangelization has been done historically, such as:

- Early Christian missionaries (e.g., St. Paul's travels).
- The use of art and music in churches.
- Modern methods like social media campaigns, podcasts, and outreach programs.

Explain the role of church and every Christian to lead people to salvation

Explore the three ways to evangelize the world / role of Christians

Encourage students to think about how they might evangelize in their own lives—through actions, words, or service.

#### **The Missionary Work of the Apostles ( 30 min )**

**Case Study Reading (10-15 minutes):** Hand out or display short stories or profiles of famous missionaries, such as St. Paul, St. Francis Xavier, or modern missionaries like Mother Teresa. Allow students to read in small groups and discuss what these figures did as missionaries.

**Wrap-Up (5 minutes):** Summarize the main points of the activity and reinforce that missionaries are individuals who dedicate their lives to serving others and spreading religious teachings, often in challenging circumstances. Encourage students to think about the idea of service in their own lives.

Explain how Jesus entrusted the apostles and how through the event of Pentecost and they started to preach.

**Suggested Link – Peter and John Heal a crippled man**

<https://youtu.be/AT7cnOkGcBQ?feature=shared>

**The Evangelization work of St. Thomas, the Apostle ( 15 minutes )**

Watch this Link - <https://youtu.be/I9M0wx5N24k?feature=shared>

Watch this Link - <https://youtu.be/pEvDzOBxHu8?feature=shared>

Both the suggested videos will cover the topic in detail.

**Evangelization by the Western Missionaries (10 minutes)**

Explain the facts and dates mentioned in the text after which the video can be showed in the class

St. Francis Xavier - <https://youtu.be/hYCLdib59S0?feature=shared>

**The Missionary Spirit of the Syro Malabar Church and its Growth ( 5 minutes )**

Explain how Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> entrusted the care of Chanda Mission to the Syro Malabar Church and how there was a growth of dioceses in various parts of India and on International Level

Explore the establishment of Kalyan diocese and discuss the various missions carried out by the Kalyan diocese as a discussion in the class

**Every Christian is a Missionary ( 5 minutes )**

Explore the role of the laity, priest, nuns , youth , adults and senior citizens in being a missionary in the grassroot levels of the church.

**Habit formation:-**

Be a missionary to others through your words and deeds.

**Bible verse:-** Mk 16: 15

**Activity (15 minutes )**

Reflect and write down how they might be a "missionary" in their own community by helping others and spreading values such as kindness and compassion. This interactive approach helps students not only understand the role of missionaries but also internalize the values they represent in a more personal and practical which will enable them to understand and explore the role of every Christian as a missionary.