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The Commission(s) of the Church

Luke 24:45-49 (The Message of the Gospel)

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

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Mark 16:15-16 (The Magnitude of the Response)

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

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John 20:21 (The Model of Being Sent)

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

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Acts 1:7-8 (The Means of Empowerment)

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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.

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Matthew 28:18-20 (The Method of the Mission)

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The Great Commission

Assurance of Authority (vs 18)
Commission of the Church (vs 19-20a)
Promise of Presence (vs 20b)

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"All" in Greek Means "All"

- All authority
- All nations
- All that I've commanded
- All the days

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Promise of Presence

- Luke 23:43
- "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.
- Psalm 16:11b
- In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- Revelation 21:3
- "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Commission of the Church

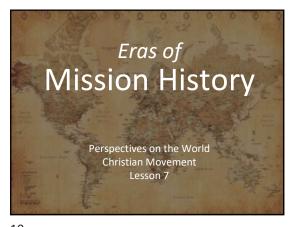
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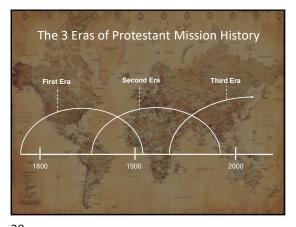
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Commission of the Church

- What?
- Go
- Make disciples
- Who?
 - All nations (people groups)
- How?
 - Baptizing (sign of the new covenant)
 - Teaching

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Why so little Protestant missionary activity after the Reformation?

Theological/Doctrinal Preoccupation

Maritime Powers

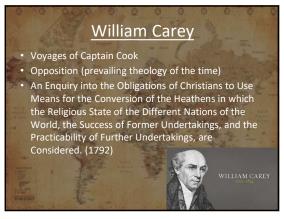
Counter-Reformation

No Sending Structures

Prevailing Theology

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An Enquiry

Reclaimed a theology of missions

Missions is the responsibility of the church

The need for mission agencies

Launched protestant missions to coastlands

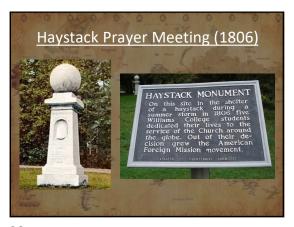
Protestant nations are now maritime

Baptist Missionary society-1792 (1st Protestant missions agency)

William Carey goes to India 1793

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Haystack Impact

 Started the American Foreign Missions Movement
 Brethren Church formed in 1808
 The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is formed in 1810 (1st American missions agency)

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1st American Missionary

• Adoniram Judson?

• George Liele

• Emancipated slave

• Planted a church in Savannah, GA

• Missionary to Jamaica (1782)

• 25,000 people



2nd Era (1865-1980)

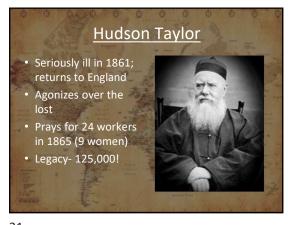
• Moves to China at age 21 (Shanghaicoastal city)

• Most missionaries are translators

• Recruited people to go inland

• Sartorial sensitivity

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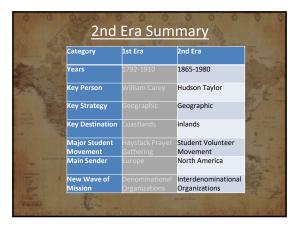




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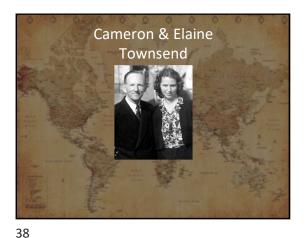


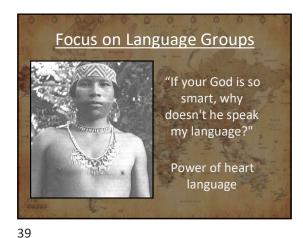




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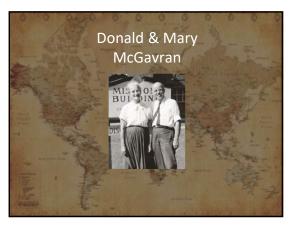






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Urbana Student Conference

• 1946 in Toronto

• 300,000 have attended and have been influenced to go, mobilize, pray, send, give





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To the Ends of the Earth:

The Commissions of the Church and Protestant Missions