A CHALLENGE TO MISSIONARY AGENCY REPS.

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If this quote from the preface to Early Christian Mission Vol 1: Jesus and the Twelve.Â is correct (and I believe it is) then mission representatives and mobilisers have got some serious thinking to do.

> *Missiologists, missionaries and representatives of missionary societies seek to promote interest in cross-cultural dialogue and witness and to encourage and develop the involvement of Christians, young and old, in active outreach to non-Christians. As laudable as these endeavours are, their proponents have not always sought to provide exegetical explanations or to engage in theological discussion when presenting models for missionary work and paradigms for effective evangelism. Tite TiÃ©nou, missionary theologian and dean of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, has deplored such a lack of exegetical foundation and theological sophistication in regard to the widely popular writings of Don Richardson. This is but one example. Typically, understanding among evangelicals about the early Christian period and the endeavours of the earliest Christians is more often than not, unconsidered and sometimes naive or romanticised.*