

David Livingstone Unit Study

Instructions:

Read the book, *David Livingstone: Africa's Trailblazer*, by Janet and Geoff Benge, AND/OR read the following article: <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/people/david-livingstone-11630461.html>.

After reading about David Livingstone's life and missionary work in Africa, use what you've learned to fill in the blanks. Finally, answer the discussion questions with one or more people.

Fill-in-the-Blank Activity:

- David Livingstone was a hard worker. He laboured for _____ hours a day (from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.), and then did schoolwork for two hours afterwards.
- His shoulder was mauled by a _____. There is a statue in Scotland portraying the attack.
- As the missionary journeyed through the heart of Africa, he found many fascinating landmarks; most famously was his discovery of _____.
- David Livingstone made _____ extensive expeditions to Africa. In total, he walked over 46,000 kilometres.
- His legacy has inspired tens of thousands of Christians everywhere and influenced hundreds more to become _____.
- Although this man's primary quest was to _____ Africa, he also had a heart to share the Gospel with those he met during his many adventures.
- David Livingstone paved the way for other missionaries. While the number of people he personally led to faith in Christ was not substantial, through his journey of exploration, he opened a route for evangelism – impacting the continent of _____ and other parts of the world.
- Originally from _____, he intended to explore and evangelize Africa. This goal was fine-tuned by God after witnessing something horrendous – the _____. A passion was birthed within the heart of Dr. Livingstone to advocate for effective _____.
- He relentlessly attacked the horrors of _____ and successfully abolished a predominant slave trade hub.
- After he passed away, David Livingstone's _____ was transported back to London, England, but his physical _____ was left and buried in Africa.

Word Bank: Africa, slavery, heart, explore, slave trade, lion, Victoria Falls, body, missionaries, change, three, 14, Scotland.

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Discussion Points:

- David Livingstone proved to be a hard worker throughout his early life. Is there a correlation between a diligent, hard-working person and the effectiveness of their labours in building the Kingdom of God? What other qualities or practices are necessary for Christian life and ministry? Explain your answers.
- Consider the locations where David Livingstone's heart and body were buried. How was this arrangement symbolic?
- How did the Christian man's calling and mission change throughout his expeditions in Africa?
- What part of David Livingstone's story had the most impact on you personally? Explain your answer.
- If God can use one man to open a door for missionaries in Africa, what could He do in your life? Do you have any dreams that seem so extravagant that only God could help you accomplish it?
