

THE FATHER OF MISSIONS

Acts 13-14

I. THE TARGETS

A. To _____ First *Acts 13:4-5; 14, 14:1; Romans 1:16*

- 1) The 1st reason was _____ : God's people were first of all Jews & He had not abandoned them
- 2) The 2nd reason was practical: they went 1st to those who believed in _____ God, the God of the OT

B. To _____ Centers

- 1) It took _____ adult Jewish men to start a synagogue and they targeted towns with synagogues
- 2) Why? Those who lived in rural areas had to come to _____ to trade; they too would hear the gospel

C. To the _____

- 1) From the island of Cyprus, Paul sailed north to Asia Minor, which today is the nation of _____
- 2) The land Paul evangelized for Christ in the 1st century is a 98% _____ nation in the 21st century
 - a) Christianity must not be marginalized as _____ & Western; its origins are Eastern & non-white
 - b) The "Muslim nations" of the Middle East were epicenters of _____ 5+ centuries before Islam

II. THE STRATEGIES

A. Signs and _____ *Acts 13:8-12; 14:3, 8-10*

- 1) As an apostle, Paul performed miracles to a) attract _____ to the gospel; b) validate the gospel
- 2) Should missionaries today use this strategy? Many evangelicals believe the answer is _____, but:
 - a) Acts 14:8-15 indicates pagans can misunderstand miracles; they cannot replace the _____
 - b) Acts 13:12 indicates that Proconsul Sergius Paulus believed due to the _____ of the Lord

B. Cross-Cultural _____ *Acts 13:14-41 vs. 14:15-17*

This method is simple: adapt your presentation of the _____ to a person's cultural background

- 1) In the synagogue in Antioch, Paul preached from the OT, similar to _____ on Pentecost
- 2) To the pagan idolaters in Lystra, Paul did not quote the OT, but emphasized _____ revelation

III. THE RESULTS

A. _____ *Acts 13:4-12; 42-45; 14:1-2*

- 1) Every place they preached, some _____, followed Jesus & started assembling in a local church
- 2) Also in every place those rose up who were vehement in their _____ to the gospel
- 3) 2 Cor. 2:16: "To the one the aroma of _____ unto death, to the other the aroma of life unto life"

B. _____ *Acts 13:49-50 14:19, 22*

- 1) In Lystra, when Paul & Barnabas refused worship & rebuked idolatry, the crowd _____ on them
- 2) When Paul & Barnabas went back through these cities and strengthened the churches, they taught one principle: "We must through many _____ enter the kingdom of God." (14:22)

CONC: "Missions is _____ " What part will YOU play in reaching the world with the gospel?