A Gospel Account of Three Cities (Acts 14:1-27)

The Word of the Lord (13:46,48,49)

A pattern of Jewish rejection (13:45)

Turning to the Gentiles (13:46)

Gentile belief (13:47-52)

Acts 14 – Paul's ministry in the area of Turkey called Galatia

I. The Pattern of the Ministries

Acts 14 contains repetition of what became each ministry's pattern: Antioch

First there was <u>preaching</u> – Paul preached the Gospel (14:3)

Second there was <u>division</u>: preached word always brought division (14:4)

Third there was <u>persecution</u>: opposition grew into persecution (14:5)

Fourth there was growth: the Word preached produced converts (14:21)

II. The Work in Iconium (14:2-7)

Great many Jews & Gentiles believed; unbelieving Jews made trouble

City was divided Paul & Barnabas fled because their lives were in danger

III. The Work in Lystra (14:8-10)

Healing of a lame man (vv.8-19) People seek to worship Paul & Barnabas Paul stops them, preaches to them of God in *creation* & *providence* (15,17)

IV. The Work at Derbe (14:21-27)

Jews persuaded multitudes from Antioch & Iconium to stone Paul (v.19) Paul rose up, went back to the city to strengthen the converts (vv.20-27)