

THE NECESSARY INGREDIENTS IN CHURCH PLANTING

(Acts 14:20b-28)

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
- II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)
- III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (chapters 8-12)
- IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

A. Paul and Barnabas Ministry in Iconium (14:1-7)

B. Paul and Barnabas Ministry in Lystra and Derbe (14:8-21a)

1. After being stoned and left for dead in Lystra, Paul, _____ and _____ traveled with Barnabas 60 miles southeast to Derbe and _____ there with no apparent opposition. (v. 20)

2. In the city of Derbe they “made _____ disciples”, enough to _____ a _____ in that region. (v. 21a, cf. 16:1, 5; 18:23)

C. The Missionaries Revisit the Believers in Lystra, Iconium and Pisidia (14:21b-25)

1. After having a very successful mission in Derbe, Paul and Barnabas decided to _____ their steps through all the cities they _____ on this first missionary journey, even the ones that proved _____! (v. 21b)

2. Upon returning to these newly established churches, Paul and Barnabas did what would become a common practice (v. 22) ...
 - a. They _____ or _____ the souls of these young believers.

 - b. They _____ and _____ these Christians to continue in the faith.

 - c. They _____ the new converts about the _____ that the Christian life is not necessarily an easy one; there can be _____. (cf. Gal. 4:13; 6:17; 2 Tim. 3:10-12).

3. Paul and Barnabas knew that spiritual leadership was key to effective church ministry; thus they needed to appoint _____ to continually _____ the congregation through sound teaching. (v. 23a, cf. 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)

4. They did not hastily appoint elders, but after much _____ and _____ they made their choices and _____ the leadership to the Lord. (v. 23b)

5. In Acts 13:13 we read that John Mark left the missionary team in Perga in Pamphylia, but there was _____ indication that they ministered there; in 14:25 Luke specifically states that now they “_____ *the* _____ *in Perga*” on the way back. (vv. 24-25)

D. The Missionaries Return to Their Home Church and Give a Report (14:26-28)

1. From the seaport of Attalia they sailed to the port of Antioch of Syria where they had been “_____ *to the grace of God*” for this important missionary work, which they _____. (v. 26)

2. When the whole church in Antioch assembled, Paul and Barnabas gave what was probably the first missionary report of “*all that _____ had _____*”, and how _____ had _____ “*the door of faith to the Gentiles.*” (v. 27)

3. These missionaries stayed there a _____; it is during this furlough that Paul most likely wrote his first epistle to the _____ in A.D. 49, the very people they just evangelized. (v. 28)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?