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Disciples Making Disciples

Acts 13-14:

The character of evangelism

- This a mission log
- It is a glimpse into the reality of Gospel work

Acts 13:1-3

Barnabas and Saul sent out

- The Holy Spirit 'called' Barnabas and Saul
- The Holy Spirit set them apart
- The church complied and sent them off

Acts 13:4-12

Barnabas and Saul in Cyprus

- Went and preached to the Jews in their synagogues
- Went and preached to the proconsul
- Dealt with opposition to the Gospel

Acts 13:13-52

Paul and Barnabas in Antioch in Pisidia

- Went to the synagogue and preached to the Jews
- Some of the Jews got jealous and opposed the message
- Preached to the gentiles who had received them
- Some of the Jews continued to oppose the work

Acts 14:1-7

Paul and Barnabas at Iconium

- Went and preached at the local synagogue
- Some of the Jews opposed them
- The Lord blessed the work

Acts 14:8-23

Paul and Barnabas at Lystra

- Preached to and healed a man of faith
- Preached to people who were stirred up by the miracle
- Some of the Jews opposed the work

Acts 14:24-28

Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch in Syria

- Gave a report to the church of what the Lord had done with them
- Not a report of what *they* had done!!

Some things to learn:

1. Go to the one's whom God has prepared

- Paul and Barnabas went to the spiritually open
- Even those who were working according to a different spirit (Lystra – Acts 14:11-13)

Some things to learn:

2. The fruit of ministry belongs to God

- Paul and Barnabas's ministry was entirely dependant upon God
 - Some people were healed
 - Some traditions were challenged
 - Some turned to the Lord
 - Some opposed the work

Some things to learn:

3. There is no formula!

- We must not fall into the trap of trying to make God do things
- Just because God did it in the past, does not mean that He will do it in the same way again
- Our activity will never influence God's Will!!

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV)

Who are the spiritually open in your life?

Paul and Barnabas were successful in ministry
because they were obedient.

We can be too.