

Outline August 3, 2008

Living For A Mission

"The Pattern For Our Mission"

Acts 13-14

I. Communication

A. We must be verbal witnesses of the Gospel.

"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses." (Acts 13:38-39)

II. Opposition.

"So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul." (Acts 13:42-45)

A. The world will oppose the truth of the Gospel.

B. Two ways of opposition:

1. Contradicting the truth. (Reference 1 Peter 3:15-16)
2. Attacking the messenger.

III. Perseverance.

A. Staying committed is heart work!

B. Crucial truths concerning perseverance.

1. It is sustained through trusting God.

"Moreover it is required of a steward that he be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2)

2. It demands desire and determination. (Reference 2 Cor. 8:8-11)
3. It is a matter of attitude, as well as an action. (Reference 1 Cor. 6:19-20)

IV. Fruitfulness.

"Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region...And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:48-49; 52)

A. When Jesus is lifted up He will draw all men unto Himself.

B. When we are used of God we are often lifted up beyond measure.

In my mission field, what should I do?

- Pray for open hearts.
- Pray for open doors.
- Pray for an open mouth.
- Refuse to be discouraged.
- Commit to preserve.