

Through Many Tribulations God's Work is Accomplished

Many Enter the Kingdom of God

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Acts 14:1-28

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Chapter 14 Key Verses:

Acts 14:22b - "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:27 - When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Theme Statement: The Lord God sovereignly uses persecution, suffering and opposition to accomplish His purposes of offering the gospel to the ends of the earth and to bring His people into the Kingdom of God.

Planting the Seed - Acts 14:1-21a

1. In Iconium - v. 1-7

- a. They _____ in the synagogue of the Jews
- b. They preached a _____ and many Jews and God-fearers/proselytes _____
- c. _____ Jews stirred up the Gentiles by _____ against the gospel and the messengers
- d. Paul and Barnabas _____ with _____ and with _____ of the message
- e. The gospel message did not _____ the people but instead _____ the people
- f. When the opposition got much more _____, Paul and Barnabas fled to the cities of Lycaonia to _____ the preaching of the gospel

2. In Lystra - v. 8-20a

- a. They _____ in the synagogue of the Jews.
- b. Paul got the attention of the people by speaking and healing a _____
- c. The people interpreted the healing through _____
- d. The people began calling Barnabas _____ and Paul _____ in their Lycaonian language and prepared to _____ to them
- e. Paul and Barnabas claimed to be _____ like the Lycaonians with a gospel message to turn from _____ to _____

- f. Paul gave a _____ message of the _____ Who permitted nations to go their own _____ and yet providing _____, the kindness of which leads to _____
 - g. Jews from Antioch and Iconium took advantage of the crowd, _____ Paul and _____ out of the city, “_____” him to be dead
 - h. Paul miraculously recovered enough to return to the city and the next day to travel from Lystra to Derbe, a _____
3. In Derbe - v. 20b-21a - they preached the gospel and made many disciples

Tending the plants - Acts 14:21b-23

1. Paul and Barnabas _____ to care for the _____ in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch
2. They _____ the souls of the new believers through the _____
3. They _____ the new believers to _____ through certain _____
4. They _____ for them in _____
5. They _____ the new believers to the Lord by prayer and fasting

Reporting the harvest - v. 24-28

1. On their way home, they _____ at Perga
2. They had _____ the work through the _____
3. They reported back to their sending church everything that _____ and how _____ the door of salvation to the Gentiles

Implications

1. Christians must expect _____
2. Christians must _____ in the face of opposition with a _____ that God will accomplish all of His purposes
3. Christians must both _____ with unbelievers and _____ believers to grow in their walk with God

Matthew 28:19-20 -“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”