

## Foundations of the Church - a study of Acts

### Ends of the Earth - our responsibility **Acts 13-28**

#### The world is growing

140 people every minute, 200,000 every day

75 million every year, Currently (Thursday) **7,642,319,390**

1800 - one billion, 130 yrs - 2, 30 yrs - 3, 15 yrs - 4

Predicted 8 by 2022 and 9 by 2050

#### The unreached is shrinking

*Unreached people groups at 2.9 billion but*

*In 1900, more than half of the world was unevangelized. By 2000, that number had fallen to 30 percent. In 2018 it will drop even further to around 11 percent*

### The Ends of the Earth **Acts 13-28**

#### First Missionary Journey **Acts 13-14**

2500 km - at least 53 days of travel alone

Cyprus and cities of modern day central Turkey

Report to Church

#### Council at Jerusalem **Acts 15:1-35**

#### Second Missionary Journey **Acts 15:36-18:22**

Almost 5000 km - at least 100 days of travel

Revisited churches from first journey

Sent by Holy Spirit into Europe - modern day Greece

Extended time (1 ½ yrs) in Corinth then to Ephesus

#### Third Missionary Journey **Acts 18:23-21:16**

Over 5500 km - at least 95 days of travel

Revisited churches from first journey

Extended time (over two years) in Ephesus 19:10

Revisited the churches in Greece

Headed to Jerusalem and said good-byes on the way

#### Perion in Jerusalem and Caesarea **Acts 21:17-26:32**

Meeting with James and Elders

Arrested in Jerusalem

Escorted to Caesarea

Spoke before Felix, Festus and King Agrippa

#### Journey to Rome **Acts 27:1-28:30**

3800 m - at least 36 days of travel

Sent by ship to Rome

Shipwrecked on Island of Malta

House arrest in Rome

## Lessons we learn from Paul

1. God can use anyone - no one beyond grace
2. Our past does not define us
3. God uses those who humble themselves and seek Him

## Lessons we learn from Paul's life

1. Prayer is the key to being used of God
2. All need to be under authority - even Apostle Paul
3. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit over our plan

## Lessons we learn from Paul's Ministry

1. Go where the people are - start in major cities
2. Trust God by trusting others - some he knew only weeks
3. Limit our outreach but expand when God does
4. Start with those like you - (Jews then Gentiles)
5. Train and trust others to expand the ministry
6. Be flexible **I Corinthians 9:19-23**

## What is my part in reaching to the ends of the earth?

### 1. Ask God for a vision of your part

**Praying** - chose missionaries or certain missions

The more details you have, the better you can pray

**Giving** - Support a missionary or mission

Regularly, even if it is a small amount, is better

**Go** (short term or long term)

Watch for the next **MCF** trip

### 2. Be balanced in your approach

Locally - volunteer with Vineyard or support a local mission

Regionally - look at groups helping the homeless or refugees

Internationally - see above

### 3. Boldly proclaim the gospel wherever you are.

Make vacations a mission trip

Intentionally tell someone about how God has blessed you

Be prepared with your testimony

*Special Service with meal next week - if you have not already done so email Andy and Carole Harding to let you know you are coming [Carole@thehardings.de](mailto:Carole@thehardings.de)*