

Acts 14:24-28

1. Housekeeping
2. Summer ideas
3. Observation and exposition
4. The take-away for us?

Housekeeping

1. Sermon/message from last night's wedding.
2. No Sunday school next Sunday - Memorial Day weekend. Which brings us to our next topic...

Summer ideas

1. Eleven Sundays with Sunday school (June - 4, July - 3, August - 4)
 - a. No SS on June 23, July 7, or September 1
 - b. We can start up with Acts again on September 8
2. Acts 15 - now? Or wait until September 8?
3. Compare and contrast denominations
 - a. Which ones?
 - b. Have an ex-Catholic discuss Catholicism? Dan?
4. Compare and contrast Calvinism and Arminianism
5. Debate format to discuss various topics
 - a. Such as??
6. Different approaches to evangelism?

Observation and exposition

1. Read the passage [SLIDE]
2. Observation and exposition
 - a. Perga
 - i. What happened here previously?
 1. Acts 13:13-14 [SLIDE]
 2. Mark left them (deserted them? see 15:36-38) [SLIDE]
 3. Paul caught malaria?
 - ii. "...they had spoken the word in Perga..."
 1. What word?
 - a. Another way of saying "preached the gospel"
 - b. Luke uses both these phrases to describe the same thing

2. To whom?
 - a. Jews or Gentiles?
- b. “where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had fulfilled”
 - i. See **13:1-3** [SLIDE]
 - ii. “the work to which I have called them” and “the work they had fulfilled”
 1. Implies that they had a plan before they set out.
 2. Discuss?
 - iii. Stott sums up Paul’s missionary strategy like this:
 1. Apostolic instruction (teaching)
 2. Pastoral oversight (elders)
 3. Divine faithfulness (committing them to the Lord)
- c. They reported to the church
 - i. “declared all that God had done with them”
 1. Recap of **Acts 13 and 14**
 2. God’s work and our work
 - a. **Philippians 2:12-13** [SLIDE]
 - b. **Colossians 1:28-29** [SLIDE]
- d. A door of faith to the Gentiles
 - i. God opened this door
 - ii. This sets the stage for **Acts 15** and the Jerusalem council
 1. Jewish Christians were okay with some individual Gentiles becoming Christians, such as Cornelius
 2. But an entire door??
 - a. Too much for some of the Jews!
- e. No little time
 - i. Doing what?
 1. Teaching and making disciples
 - a. **14:21-23** [SLIDE]
 - b. See the pastoral epistles and Paul’s emphasis there on continued teaching
 2. Elders - teach!
 3. See **15:35** [SLIDE]

The take-away for us

Resources

1. *The Acts of the Apostles*, F. F. Bruce, 1990
2. *The Book of the Acts*, F. F. Bruce, 1988
3. *The Acts of the Apostles*, David G. Peterson
4. *The Message of Acts*, John Stott
5. *The Acts of the Apostles*, Ben Witherington III