

The Alpha and Omega of a Missionary Journey

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Acts 14:26-28

Introduction:

The First Missionary journey lasted between one and two years. Paul and Barnabas traversed more than 700 miles by land and 500 miles by sea. They returned to Antioch and reported to the church all that God had done through them.

Interpretation:

Returning to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas stayed with the church "a long time." The details of their journey were told in _____ of what God had done.

Application: "So What?"

How do you bring God to your mission field?

1. By saturating your field with the _____.
2. By presenting:
 - the _____ to the lost,
 - and _____ to the saved.
3. By trusting in the Person and _____ of God.

"Since before time began no one has ever imagined, No ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you who works for those who wait for him." Isaiah 64:4 (The Message)

Going Deeper

1. Why is it important to give God credit? (1 Corinthians 10:32)
2. What does it mean that God “opened the door of faith to the Gentiles?” How does this impact you? (Acts 14:27)
3. Paul and Barnabas reported to the church the stories of their missionary adventure. If you had been in Antioch listening to their report, what story would impress you the most? What story would you want to know more details about? Why? (Acts 13, 14)
4. Can you remember someone telling a story, or “water-mark,” that God used to communicate something you needed to do or change? Give some details and share how God used that story.
5. What was the purpose of Paul’s second missionary journey? How could you be a part of “seeing how they are doing?” (Acts 15:38)
6. What is the significance of the pronoun “we” in Acts 16:11? (Note: This is during the second missionary adventure) How might this relate to the stories from the first missionary journey?

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