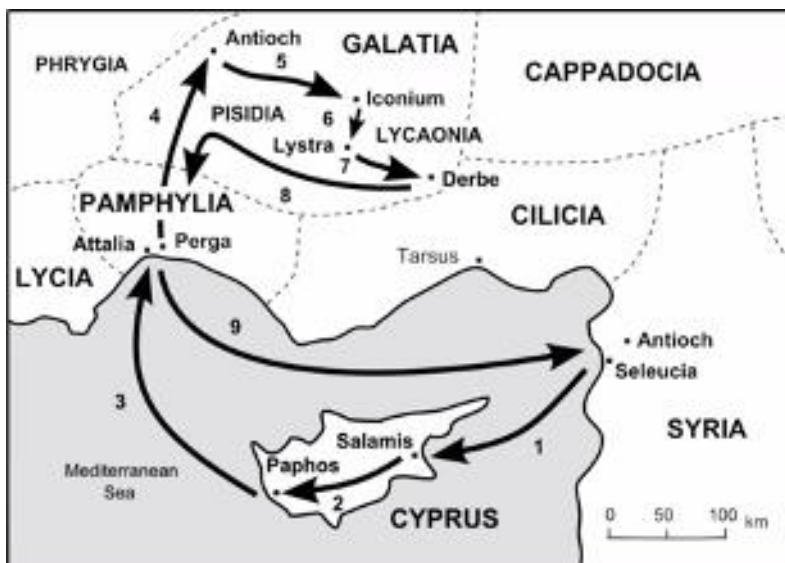


Acts 14

Paul's first missionary journey concludes

Introduction & Review



Acts 14

14:1-7 In Iconium, Paul and Barnabas preached the word of God's grace but faced opposition and had to flee, preaching the gospel further to other areas.

14:8-20 After fleeing to Lystra, Paul healed a cripple miraculously but faced wrong beliefs from the Lycaonian crowd & their priest and suffered violent opposition.

14:21-28 Paul & Barnabas continued preaching the gospel elsewhere and returned to the cities with fierce opposition to encourage believers and establish order, before heading back to Antioch to gather with the Church and to report God's work among the Gentiles.

Reflection

1. *Wisdom to advance the gospel is crucial because during ministry difficulties, leaving or staying is not obvious at times.*
2. *Challenging mindsets is vital because miracles or supernatural acts have to be explained.*
3. *Encouragement and planning are necessary because difficulties are unavoidable.*
4. *Accountability is important because God's work should be made known.*