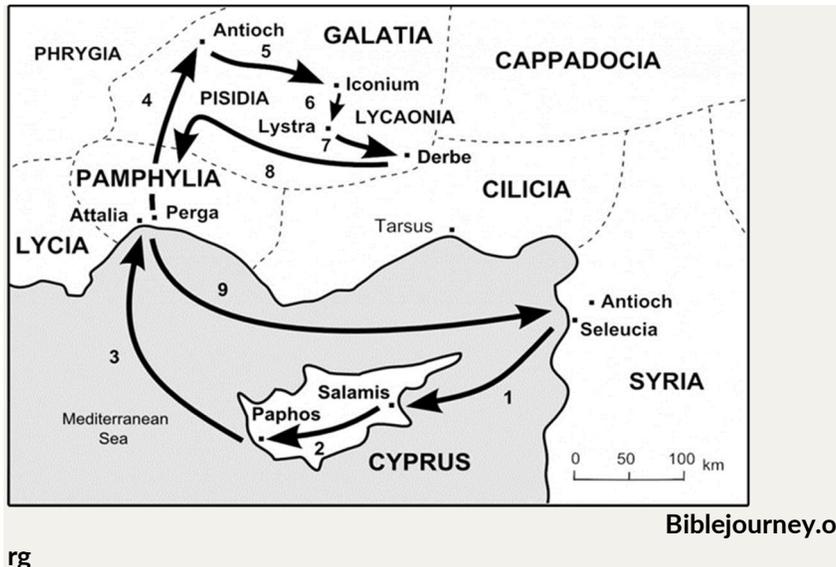


Acts 13 - Missionaries

Into the Lesson:

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



From the above map, do a quick calculation of the distance travelled by Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey (will count on a math expert to convert meters into miles).

From what we have read so far in Acts, which of these two men would you most like to spend time with on a long journey?

Not having read Acts 1:8, how did Paul know to start spreading the Gospel in other parts of their world?

How did they know what direction to go?

How long must it have taken to make this journey?

Into the Word:

From Lane's sermon, what do you remember about the group we read about in Acts 13:1?

What does the inclusion of Simon and Lucius say about the diversity of this group? How is it possible that Manaen, who grew up with Herod, took such a different path?

From the encounter in Acts 13:6-11 what is the relevance of Paul addressing the situation rather than "the encourager."

Into Life:

From the sermon, what role does fasting and prayer play in understanding God's plan for our life? (Pretty sure the Greek word for "fasting" is translated coffee and donuts).

How much easier would it be if we had an angel wake us up in the middle of the night like in chapter 12?

What can be a hinderance to hearing the Holy Spirit?

How can we remove those hinderances?

What does the diversity of the group, the scope of this first journey and the confrontation of evil tell us about the direction the church in the 21st century needs to be headed?

What is one thing you can do this week to move the church and yourself in that direction? Will you do it?

If we are going to navigate these increasingly troubled times—we will need His direction.