

GVBC Sermon Study Notes – Continuing Jesus’ Ministry

Acts 13:42 – 14:7 | Gracious Outreach in a Divided World
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Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Matthew 15:24-26

²⁴*He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”* ²⁵*The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.* ²⁶*He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”*

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

⁷*The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.* ⁸*But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

Matthew 15:27-28

²⁷*“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”* ²⁸*Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.*

Acts 13:42-43

⁴²*As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.* ⁴³*When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.*

Acts 13:44-46

⁴⁴*On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.* ⁴⁵*When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.* ⁴⁶*Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.*

Our Outreach Must Deepen our Experience of Grace

Acts 13:43

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Acts 14:3

So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.

Acts 13:38-39

³⁸Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Acts 13:47-52

⁴⁷For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. ⁴⁹The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. ⁵⁰But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. ⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 15:29-30

²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

Our Outreach Must Brace Ourselves for Rejection**Luke 9:5**

⁵If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

Acts 14:1-7

¹At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. ²But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders. ⁴The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles. ⁵There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them. ⁶But they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country, ⁷where they continued to preach the gospel.

Our Outreach Must Play the Long Game**Acts 14:21-22: 1st Missionary Journey Return Route**

²¹They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²²strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Acts 16:1-3: 2nd Missionary Journey

¹Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. ²The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

Acts 18:23: 3rd Missionary Journey

After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Romans 9:2-3

²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴the people of Israel.