

THE Story

Lesson 24 Chapter 29 Paul's Mission (Pt 1) p.407-414

1. How would you describe in a few words the city/town where you grew up?
2. Briefly describe the spiritual climate of the church at Antioch? (p.407; check out Acts 11:21-26)

How did the church identify and encourage Barnabas and Saul in their new ministry?

3. Since Barnabas was from Cyprus (Acts 4:36), it is not surprising that this island was their first ministry stop. Saul met a man named Elymas in a head-on clash (p.407-408)

What was the cause?

What was the reason for Saul's strong condemnation of Elymas?

What was one purpose of the judgment that fell upon him?

4. When they left Paphos, notice that "Saul" ("wished") is now referred to as "Paul" ("small") and that he is now mentioned first. What does this imply?

5. After John (Mark) left Paul and Barnabas and returned to Jerusalem, Paul was invited to speak at the synagogue. Sum up briefly the main points of Paul's sermon... (page 408-409)

On the top of page 409, Paul uses the word "justification." Check out the note at the bottom of the page as well as Romans 5:1. How would you define the word?

6. On pages 410-411, we read how Paul and Barnabas visited 2 cities---Iconium and Lystra. Compare and contrast how they were received.

What did they teach the people of Lystra about the living God?

7. The note at the bottom of page 411 to the top of page 412 summarizes the conclusion of their first missionary journey. Before leaving for their second journey, Paul and Barnabas had "a sharp disagreement." What was the cause of their conflict? (see statement on page 408..."John left them.")

What do we learn about Paul and Barnabas?

What were the positive and negative results?

How does II Timothy 4:11 shed light on this story?

8. Check out map of the second journey of Paul and Silas and identify their route to the city of Philippi. Compare and contrast their encounters with two women in Philippi....Lydia and an unnamed slave girl. (p.412)

9. After being arrested, flogged and placed into stocks, Paul and Silas were still able to pray and sing hymns to God. (p.413) What effect did their actions have on the jailer?

What are the implications and applications for us?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace