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The Gospel Spread, Enjoyed, & Suffered

Acts 14

Main Idea

The Gospel came to be spread, & enjoyed. Yet the spreading & enjoyment of the Gospel often invites tribulation.

Overview

- **The Gospel came to be spread**
 - The Holy Spirit sent them to spread the word: (13.2)
 - Paul & Barnabas speak Gospel in Iconium (Vss. 1-7)
 - Many believe (vs 1)
 - Paul & Barnabas share in other cities (vs. 22)
- **The Gospel came to be enjoyed**
 - We see examples of this in 13.48, 52 and probably 14.27-28
 - Strengthening & encouraging of disciples help believers to enjoy the God of the Gospel
 - Paul & Barnabas plant churches (not just do evangelism): See that in planting elders
 - The church is the vessel that teaches the word & holds one another accountable to it
 - In so doing...believers enjoy the God of the Gospel
- **The Gospel spread & enjoyed invites tribulation**
 - There is no neutrality in the Gospel: Either you are for it or against it
 - Paul and Barnabas are threatened and Paul is persecuted
 - Paul instructs we must enter Kingdom through tribulation (v. 22)

Questions

Discussion starter: What are some messages you like spreading (not necessarily religious)? Why do you want to spread them and does it necessitate suffering? Why or why not?

1. Why do you think God wants to spread the message of the Gospel?
2. What are some specific ways we can pray that we might also spread the Gospel? (Consider praying in response to these things)
3. Discuss the various ways Restoration Church mobilizes and leans in order to obey this.
4. Why is it the Gospel can be “enjoyed?”
5. Why do we often not enjoy it? Why is it often a burden?
6. What is the role of the church in discipleship or in “enjoying the Gospel”?
7. What is an elder and what is their place and responsibility?

8. Why could you “sink a church” with the placement of the wrong elders?
9. What does 14.22 mean and why is it true?
10. What are the ways this might manifest itself here in Washington, DC?

*Accountability Question: Why do you not expend yourselves for the spread and enjoyment of the Gospel?
And what place does tribulation might play in that answer? How can you pray
against/for your obedience in these things?*