



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.

Title: The Part of Evangelism
We Ignore.

Lesson: 76

Text: Acts 14:21-28

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Acts 14:21–28 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.” 23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24 They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia.

25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished. 27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they spent a long time with the disciples.

A final feature of evangelism we often neglect:

1. A sacrificial willingness to make _____.

Matthew 28:18–20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

“make disciples”

20 ***teaching*** them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Acts 14:21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

“had made many disciples”

“preached the gospel”

**A. Come along side to _____
their spiritual growth.**

22 **strengthening** the souls of the disciples,

Ephesians 4:11–14 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the **equipping** of the saints for the work of service, to the **building up** of the body of Christ; 13 until we all **attain** to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **mature man**, to the measure of the **stature** which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be **children**, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

Colossians 1:28–29 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man **complete in Christ**. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

“labor”

22b **encouraging** them to continue in the faith,

“continue in THE faith”

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for **THE faith** which was once for all handed down to the saints.

B. Prepare them for spiritual _____.

22c and saying, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”

“tribulations” [thlipsis]

1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

“the Kingdom of God”

1. It describes the realm of salvation.
2. It describes a physical kingdom (Millennium)

**C. Teach them to embrace the importance of
the church and its _____.**

23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

“elders”

Three facts about that word

- 1) It implies that this is an office separate from the church body.
- 2) It is plural, indicating there is to be plurality of elders.
- 3) In the Greek “elders” is masculine.

**D. Remind them to _____ God’s call
on their life.**

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**E. Encourage them to acknowledge God as the
_____ of their success.**

27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they spent a long time with the disciples.

“He had opened a door”

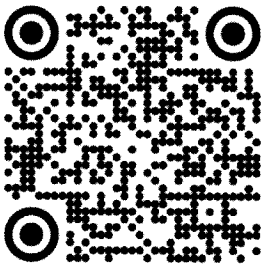
“with them”

Implication

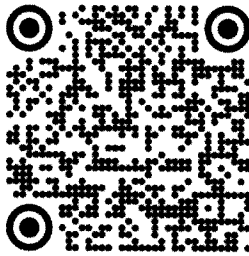
Discipling other believers _____ missions.

Discussion Guide

1. Do you think most Christians miss the principle of discipleship when it comes to missions? Why?
2. Why is discipleship so important?
3. Do you know of any church member who has fallen into the habit of staying home and watching Livestream? How can you encourage them to recommit to church?
4. Are you involved in either being disciplined or discipling another believer? If not, why?
5. Are flock groups a form of discipleship? Who could you invite to your flock group as a result of today's sermon?



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