



love God

build the Church

reach the World

Read: Acts 14:1-23



Introduction

- The plan - 6 months through Core Values
- Finish up last Core Value and sub-values (3?) mid-June then return to exposition of Matthew

Reach the World

- By planting churches locally and abroad
- Reason for relative size difference between 2/3 Core Values
- Preparation of discipleship culture so that when evangelism/service happens we have way to help those who believe the Gospel of Jesus



Reach the World

- The heart of God for the world - Jn3:16
- The commission of Jesus - Mt28:19
- The direction of Jesus - Act1:6-11
 - Shift in regards to the nation from "come and see" to "go and tell"
 - An age old plan - Gen17:1-8
 - Prophetic anticipation - Is42:1-7
 - A mystery made known - Eph3:1-6



A Case Study - Act 14:1-23

- Preach the Gospel
- Make and encourage disciples
- Church exists
- Appoint elders/pastors/teachers who will teach, equip, and mature
- Commit to the Lord with prayer and fasting
- Repeat Great Commission

Application

- **Planting a church is the result, not the *primary* goal of the Great Commission**
 - If this isn't kept in mind, the *primary* driver can become collecting the already converted (who certainly need a safe flock)
 - Establishing leadership for disciples is totally legit
 - The *primary* driver is preaching the Gospel for conversion, making disciples, which creates church
- **Modeling Paul's ambition** - Rom 15:17-21
 - Whether a nation, a people group, an individual person
 - For this we should **pray, equip, go, and preach** the Gospel