

Acts 13-21 - HOW THE EARLY CHURCH WORKED.

WEEK 1 - OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

Paul's journeys

Sent from Antioch		Acts 13:1-4
First trip - travelling and preaching, starting Churches, then returning and appointing elders (pastors)	2 years	Antioch in Syria (Acts 13:1-3), Selucia (Acts 13:4), Cyprus, Salamis (Acts 13:5), Paphos (Acts 13:6), Perga (Acts 13:13), Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13:14), Iconium (Acts 13:51), Lystra (Acts 14:6), Derbe (Acts 14:6 and Acts 14:20), then returned and strengthened all the above churches - Lystra, Iconium, Antioch in Pisidia, Perga, Attalia to Antioch (Acts 14:21 - 26)
Back in Antioch and then attended the council in Jerusalem	1 -2 years	Acts 14:28 "So they stayed there (Antioch) a long time with the disciples."
Second journey - travel and start Churches, trying to get guidance and making some mistakes in this journey. Getting a strategy for Asia (Ephesus area)	3 years	Antioch (Acts 15:35-40), Derbe (Acts 16:1), Lystra (Acts 16:1), Phrygia and Galatia (Acts 16:6), Troas (Acts 16:8), Samothracia (Acts 16:11), Neapolis (Acts 16:11), Philippi (Acts 16:12), Amphipolis (Acts 17:1), Apollonia (Acts 17:1), Thessalonica (Acts 17:1), Berea (Acts 17:10), Athens (Acts 17:14-15), Corinth (Acts 18:1), Cenchrea (Acts 18:18), Ephesus (Acts 18:19), Caesarea (Acts 18:21-22), Antioch (Acts 18:22)
Visits Jerusalem	brief visit	
Third journey - Ephesus and surrounding area is the major crowning achievement of Paul's ministry.	4 years	Antioch (Acts 18:23), Galatia and Phrygia (Acts 18:23), Upper coasts (Acts 19:1), Ephesus (Acts 19:1), Macedonia - Greece (Acts 20:1-2), Philippi (Acts 20:6), Troas (Acts 20:6), Assos (Acts 20:13), Mitylene (Acts 20:14), Chios (Acts 20:15), Samos Trogyllium Miletus Coos (Acts 21:1), Rhodes Patara Tyre (Acts 21:3), Ptolemais (Acts 21:7), Caessarea (Acts 21:8), Jerusalem (Acts 21:15)
Imprisoned		

Describe the Three types of Churches -

	JERUSALEM	ANTIOCH	EPHESUS
How started			
Led by			
Giftings in leaders			
Main leader /			

consensus			
nationality / culture			
focus			
Weakness			
strengths			
other notes			

All 3 can be good or bad DEPENDING ON the leaders

FOR YOUR NOTES AND CONCLUSIONS - please use this space to fill in your own thoughts:

<p>WHO - Who does the ministry, how do teams work, who are the elders and the church government positions. Can I be like one of the people described in these stories?</p>	
<p>WHAT - What did they do on a daily / weekly / long term basis? What is the church supposed to be doing? What doctrines and emphases did they have? Can I emulate this today?</p>	
<p>WHERE - Where did they met? Where did they travel? How does this apply to me and us today?</p>	
<p>HOW - The methods of church planting and growth. How were they supported financially? How were they guided by God? How did they go about doing what they</p>	

did? Can we emulate this today?	
WHY - The motivation - the purpose and mission behind everything they did.	
WHEN - when did church meetings occur? How did they get guidance on when to do something for the Lord or when to wait?	