

Open Doors ***PLUS*** Many Hardships

February 11, 2018 - Acts 14

Church Planting – a theme in the Book of Acts

- CMA has always _____ in church planting.
- Every place they went (Acts 13-14), a church was _____.
- What can we learn today to accomplish His _____ for us?

The Church planted in _____ (v.1-7)

- People heard the Word of God and they _____ God's power!
- Should we expect God-given _____ today? Yes!
- Should we expect “_____ and _____” today? Yes!

The Church planted in Lystra (v.8-20)

- A crippled man was _____ because....
*Paul was *sensitive* to the moment and the man's faith.
*Paul made himself *available* to be used by God.
*The crippled man put his *faith in God's power*.
- People wanted to _____ Paul and Barnabas as gods!
- Praise and appreciation can lead to _____, and then God cannot use us.
- Paul and Barnabas have _____ the attempted worship and gave God all the glory!
- When we are appreciated, tell the person _____ that quality came from --- give God the praise!

The Church planted in Lystra (continued)

- The crowd suddenly changed from worship to _____. They stoned Paul and left him for dead.
- Amazing! Paul got up and went back _____ the city!!!

We need to persevere in 2018

- No one will try to _____ us this week for sharing His love.
- However, we must be _____ to our mission.

Paul and Barnabas still had work: “to make _____”

- To lead people to Christ **and** then help them grow.
- On their way back to each new church, they _____ them, encouraged them and appointed spiritual leaders.
- One final challenge: “We must go through many _____”
*This is the REALITY of following Jesus.
- Today, as we get closer to Jesus' _____, we need the Word, we need prayer, and we need each other more than ever!

The very _____ Missions Conference (v.26-28)

- They arrived back in Syrian Antioch
- They gathered the church and reported:
(1) All that God had done through them
(2) How God opened the _____ of faith to the Gentiles.
- Every year CMA churches have at least one Missions Conference so that we can hear _____ how God is working – people trusting Jesus and churches being planted.
 - April 7-11 – Nehlsens and Dykes
 - Sept. 29 – Oct. 3 – Ed and Sue Danneker