



Church Polity in the Book of Acts

Acts 13 & 14

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THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSIONS OUTREACH

Introduction:

I. PRE-GAME WARM-UP (13:1-3)

A. The Leadership of the Church (vs. 1)

Barnabas

Simeon

Lucius

Manaen

Saul

Others: Ignatius, Theophilus; Lucian, Theodore, Chrysostom, Theodoret

B. The Leading of the Holy Spirit (vs. 2)

“while they were ministering...”

“the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me...’”

“for the work to which I have called them”

C. The Launch of the Mission (vs. 3)

praying

partnering (“laid their hands on them”)

parting (“sent them off”)

II. GAME TIME (13:4-12)

A. Their Mission (vs. 4-5a, 6a)

“traveled through the whole island”

B. Their Message (vs. 5, 7, 12)

“proclaimed the Word of God”

C. Their Ministry (vs. 5b)

“in the synagogues of the Jews” (Romans 1:16)

D. Their Movements (vs. 6ff)

“gone through the whole island” (vs. 6)

“they arrived at Pisidian Antioch” (vs. 14)

III. EXTRA INNINGS (14:21-26)

A. They Raised Up Another Church (vs. 21a)

they preached

euangelizo =

kerusso =

laleo =

they made disciples (*martureo*)

dialogizomai =

didasko =

B. They Revisited All the New Churches (vs. 21b-26)

strengthening (“making firm their souls”)

preaching

teaching

encouraging (*parakaleo*)

appointing (*cheirotonos*)

committing

IV. POST-GAME WRAP-UP (14:27-28)

A. They Returned

B. They Reported

C. They Rested

Conclusion:

- 1) Starting, encouraging, and strengthening new churches is what we must be about!
- 2) The primary means of accomplishing this is through leadership (selecting, training, encouraging, supporting financially).
- 3) Churches also constitute a “band of brothers” and must demonstrate this in tangible ways.