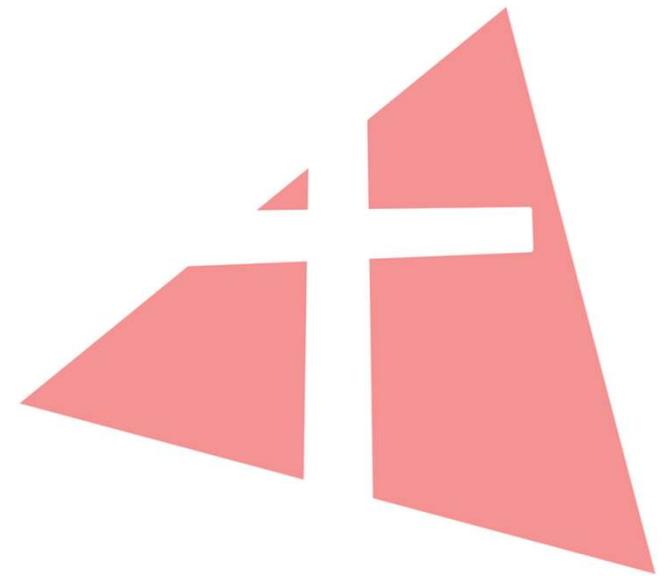


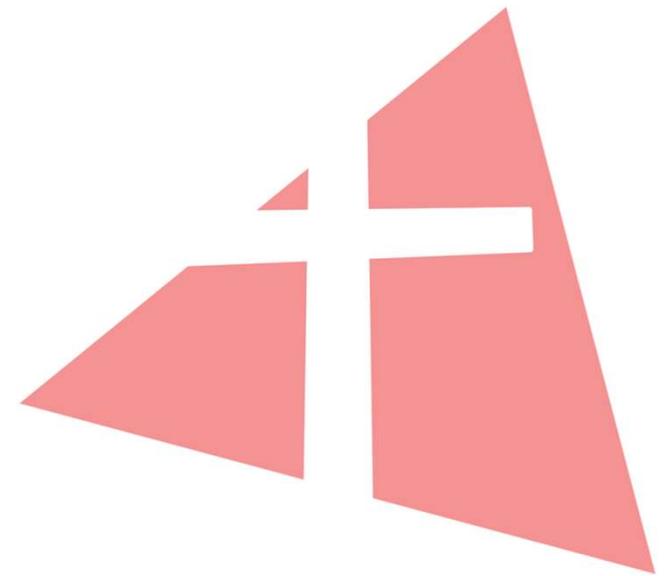
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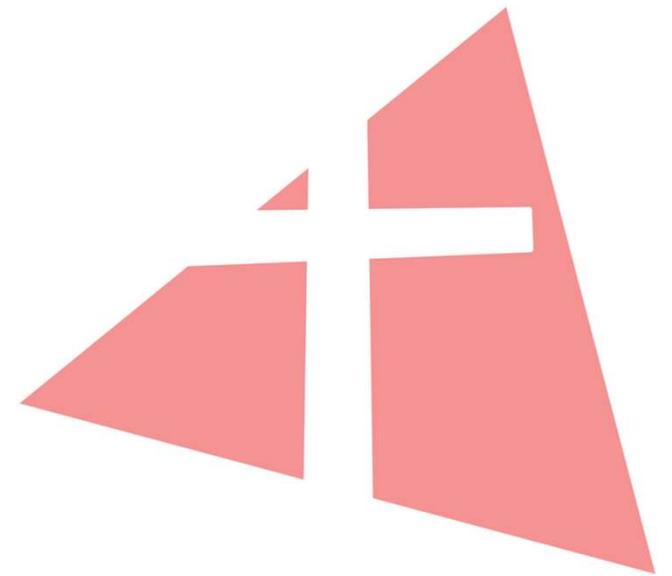
Outreach

- **Aletheia is entering a new season**
- **Want to remind ourselves of a few basics of Evangelism**
- **Last week: Love for the lost**
 - The Parable of the Good Samaritan



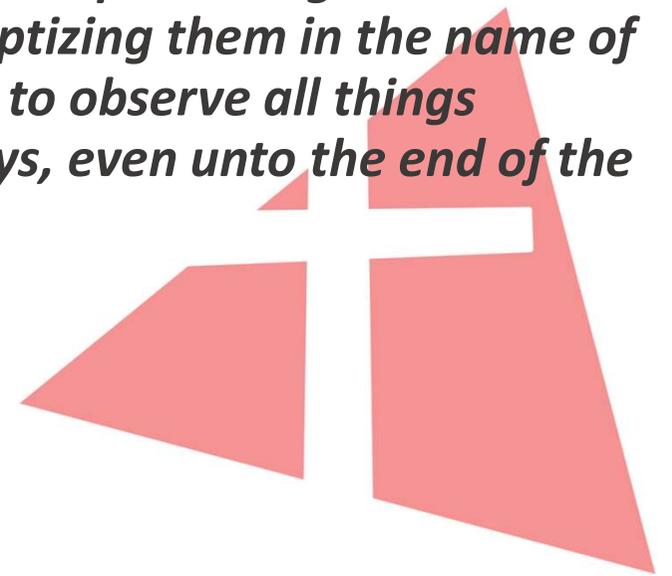
Today's Focus

- **Go! Take the First Step**



The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



Jesus' Example

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

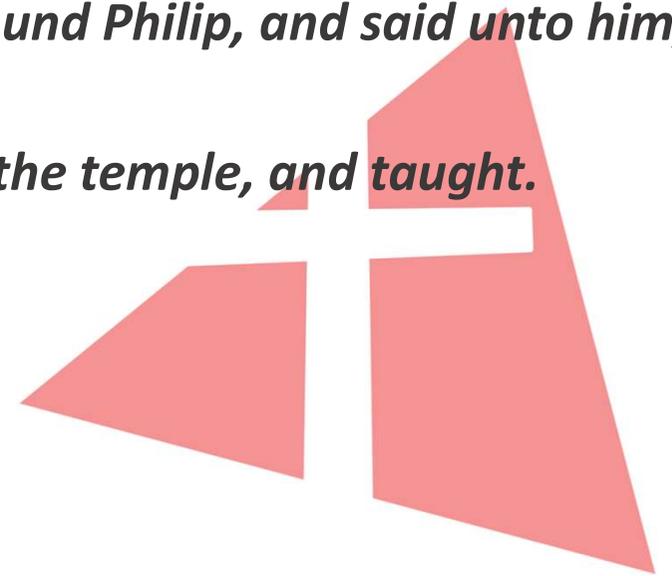
Luke 4:14-15 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.



Jesus' Example

John 1:43 The day following Jesus went forth into Galilee, and found Philip, and said unto him, Follow me.

John 7:14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.



Jesus sending out the 12

Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

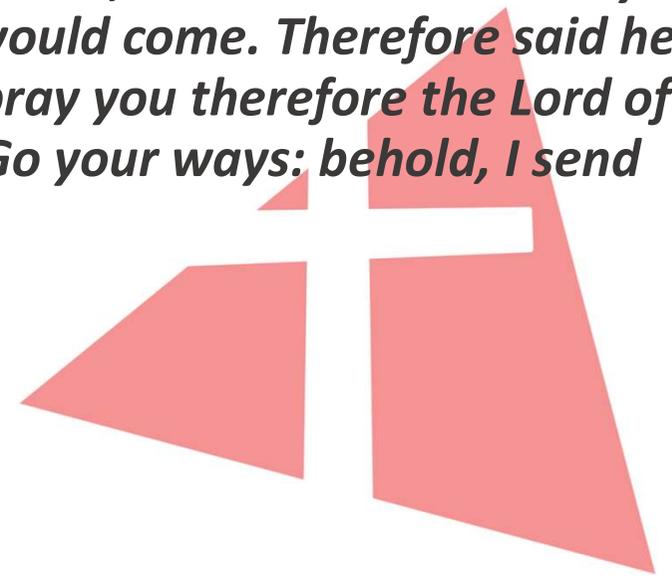
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Matthew 10:5-7 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter you not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.



Jesus sending out the 70

Luke 10:1-3 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before his face into every city and place, where he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

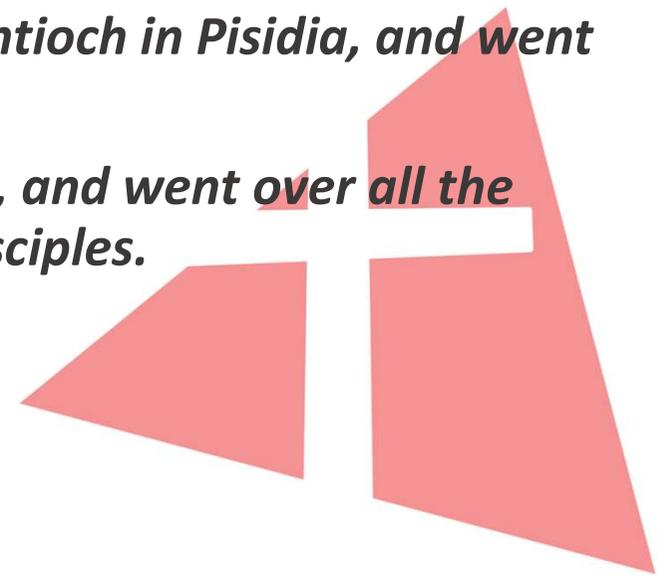


Book of Acts

Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Acts 13:14 And when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

Acts 18:23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.



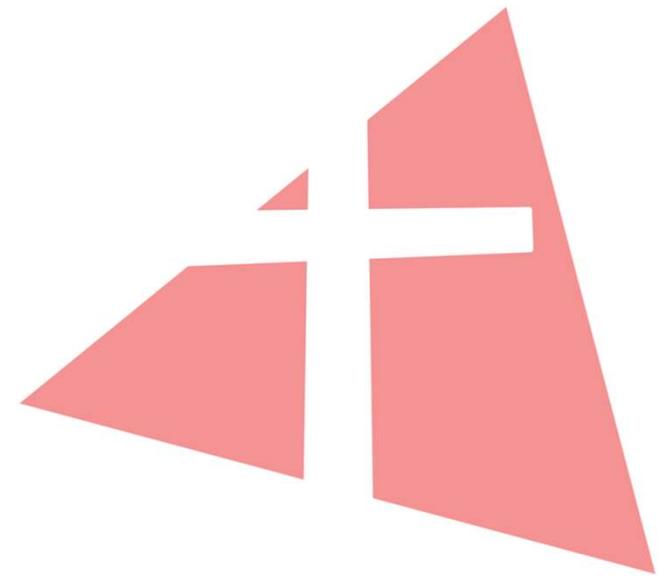


MAP OF PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

- ← Paul's first journey
- ← Paul's second journey
- ← Paul's third journey
- ← Paul's voyage to Rome
- City
- One of the "Seven Churches"

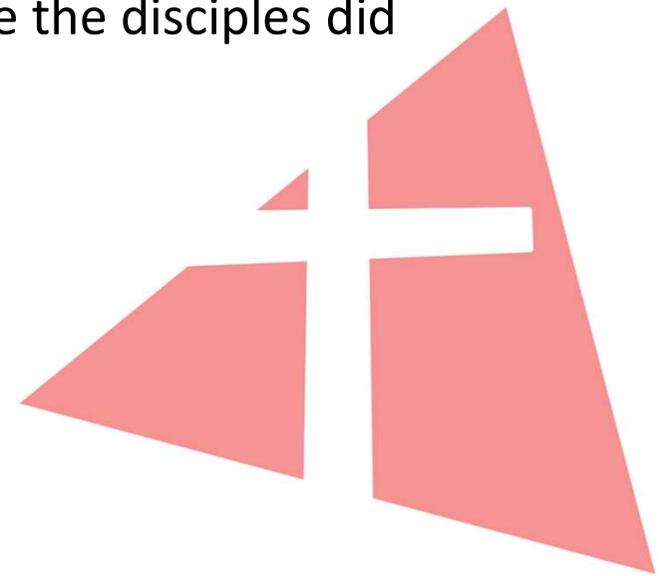
The Biblical Pattern

- **Don't wait for non-Christians to find the church**
- **The church ought to go out and find non-Christians**

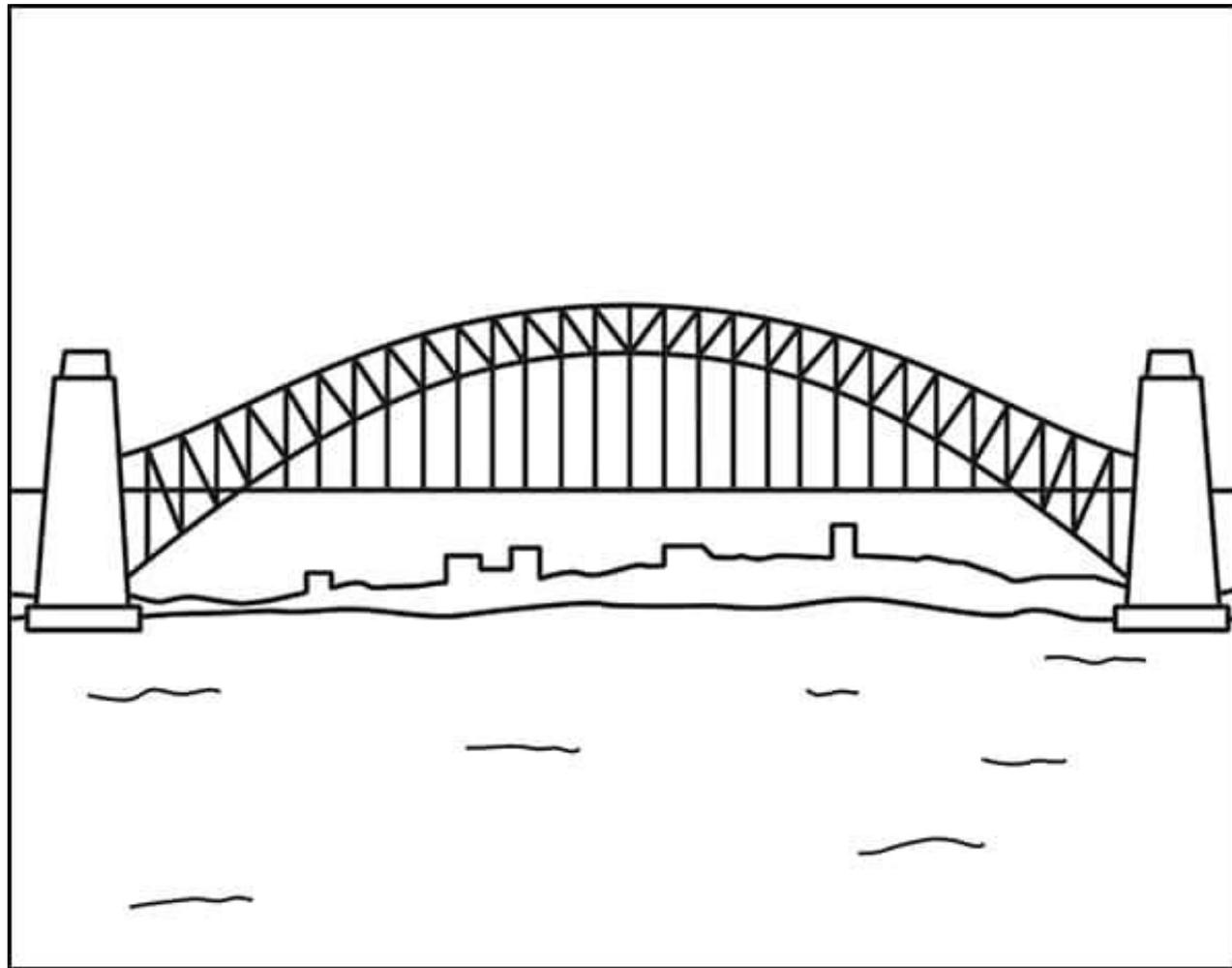
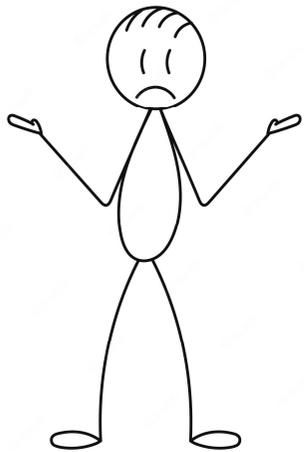


One more Comment

- **Times have changed**
 - We don't necessarily have to travel around the continent like the disciples did
- **But the principle remains: Go!**
 - Don't wait for non-Christians to take the first step
 - Take the first step and find non-Christians



“Going” vs “shouting” over the bridge



This Week (and beyond)

- **Let's Go!**
 - Take the first step
 - Find non-Christians
- **Let's give them a chance to hear the gospel**
 - Sharing
 - Inviting
 - ...

