

Principles for Missions: Paul's Mission Work

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Sermon Text: Acts 16:10

Biblical Context—Paul's First Missionary Journey and the start of the Second Journey

- 13:1-2 → 14:26-28
- 15:39-41
- 16:1-5
- 16:6-10 [TEXT]

What happened next?

- Philippi, 16:38-40
- Thessalonica, 17:8-10
- Berea, 17:13-14
- Athens, 17:34
- Corinth, 18:6, 9-11, 12ff

Five Principles from Paul's missionary experiences

- Include God in your plans, confirm your plans—God, others, gifts
- Expect problems and opposition, even when you have a clear word from God; following God is not easy
- Be willing to sacrifice (consider the example of Timothy in Acts 16:1-5)
- Focus on good news—the battle is spiritual, not material
- Be careful how you measure success, e.g. long-term vs. short-term, immediate results, faithful and healthy churches, spiritual growth