

## THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series*

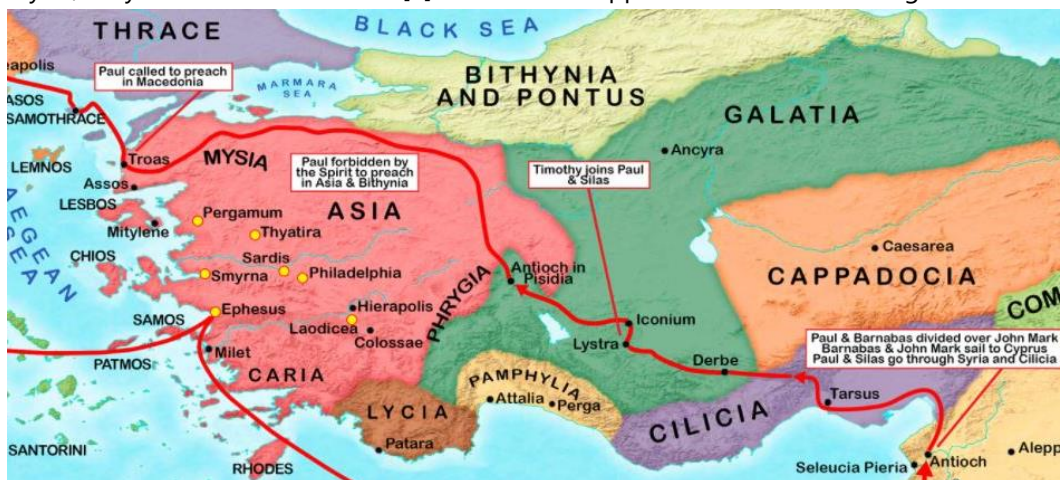
Acts of the Apostles

### **"Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey Begins"**

**Acts 16:1-10**

[1] Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. [2] He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. [3] Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. [4] And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. [5] So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily. [6] Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. [7] After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. [8] So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. [9] And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and

pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." [10] Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.



### Discussion Questions:

1. What was Paul's purpose for going back to Derbe and Lystra. What do we know about Paul's experience from his first missionary journey to Derbe and Lystra? (Acts 14:8-21, Acts 14:8-20)?
2. Read these verses: Acts 16:1-3, 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:15, Proverbs 22:6.
  - List what you learned about Timothy.
  - Discuss how your parent(s) had an influence in your faith (or lack of faith)?
  - Discuss what influence Paul had in Timothy's faith.
3. Why did Paul decide to take Timothy? And why bother with circumcision if it's not a requirement of salvation?
4. Paul's desired to preach the gospel to these regions, yet he was forbidden by the Holy Spirit (vv. 6-7).
  - What are ways the Holy Spirit can speak to you?
  - How do you know when the Holy Spirit is speaking to you? Take a minute to share that experience of when you were obedient to the Holy Spirit.