# Insights into
# The Book of Acts
## (Chapters 13-16)

### Word Ambassadors

## A. The First Missionary Journey (13-14)

*1. The calling of Paul & Barnabas as missionaries (13:1-3)*

*2. Cyprus and the Proconsul (13:4-12)*

*3. Pisidian Antioch: Paul's Sermon & the Reaction (13:13-52)*

*4. From Iconium to Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe (14:1-7)*

*5. Lystra: A Lame Man Healed & the Reaction (14:8-20a)*

*6. The Return to and Stay at Antioch (14:20b-28)*

## B. The Jerusalem Council (15:1-35)

*1. The Problem: Those from Syrian Antioch (15:1-5)*

*2. The Discussion, the Conclusion, and Application (15:16-35)*

## C. The Second Missionary Journey (15:35-18:22)

*1. From Paul and Barnabas to Paul and Silas (15:35ff)*

*2. Syria and Cilicia Revisited (15:41)*

*3. Paul/Timothy in S. Galatia To Deliver Council's Decrees (16:1-5)*

*4. From Galatia-Mysia- To Troas (16:6-10)*

*5. The Work in Philippi (16:11-40)*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. After the lame man's healing, who did the people of Lystra think the apostles were? What would you do if you came face to face with such exaltation and reverence from people?

2. What four things did James feel Gentile believers should abstain from?

3. Why was it important to deliver the Council's decree to brothers in Galatia?

4. What can we learn about God's grace in Acts 16? One minute, the jailer was a potential suicide, and the next minute, he was a child of God.

**Points to ponder:**
1. **Ridiculed, accused, arrested, flogged, and flung into a maximum-security prison in Philippi, Paul and Silas chose to pray and praise – and the heavens opened.**
2. **Because of your prayers, an entire family or neighborhood can be impacted and blessed.**

*"Our Most Gracious Father, this evening I pray for believers thrown in prisons because of their faith in you. Lord, grant them your peace. I pray today, from the depth of my heart, that you will shake the foundations of those prisons and melt the hearts of officers to receive Jesus as the only Savior. This I ask in Jesus' name.* **Amen."**