

Children's Worship

children ages 4 to 4th grade
are invited to go to Children's Worship at this time.

☺ Fun, age-appropriate teaching, and crafts will be
experienced by all ☺

Jesus' Message Receives Mixed Reviews, Yet God's Grace Carries Us Through

Acts 14:1-28

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Jesus' gospel evokes three emotional responses:

1) Actively _____ Jesus and _____ His people.

Acts 14:1-5

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Acts 14:2

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- 1) Actively reject Jesus and oppose His people.
 - b. Stir up opposition to His people.
 - c. Pursue and persecute His representatives.

Acts 14:1-6, 19

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GALATIA

Pisidian Antioch

6/12
7/11
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Iconium
Lystra
LYCAONIA
Derbe

Perga
5/13

Attalia
14

PAMPHYLIA

2
Seleucia
1/15/19
Syrian Antioch

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Salamis
to Council at Jerusalem

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Paphos
CYPRUS

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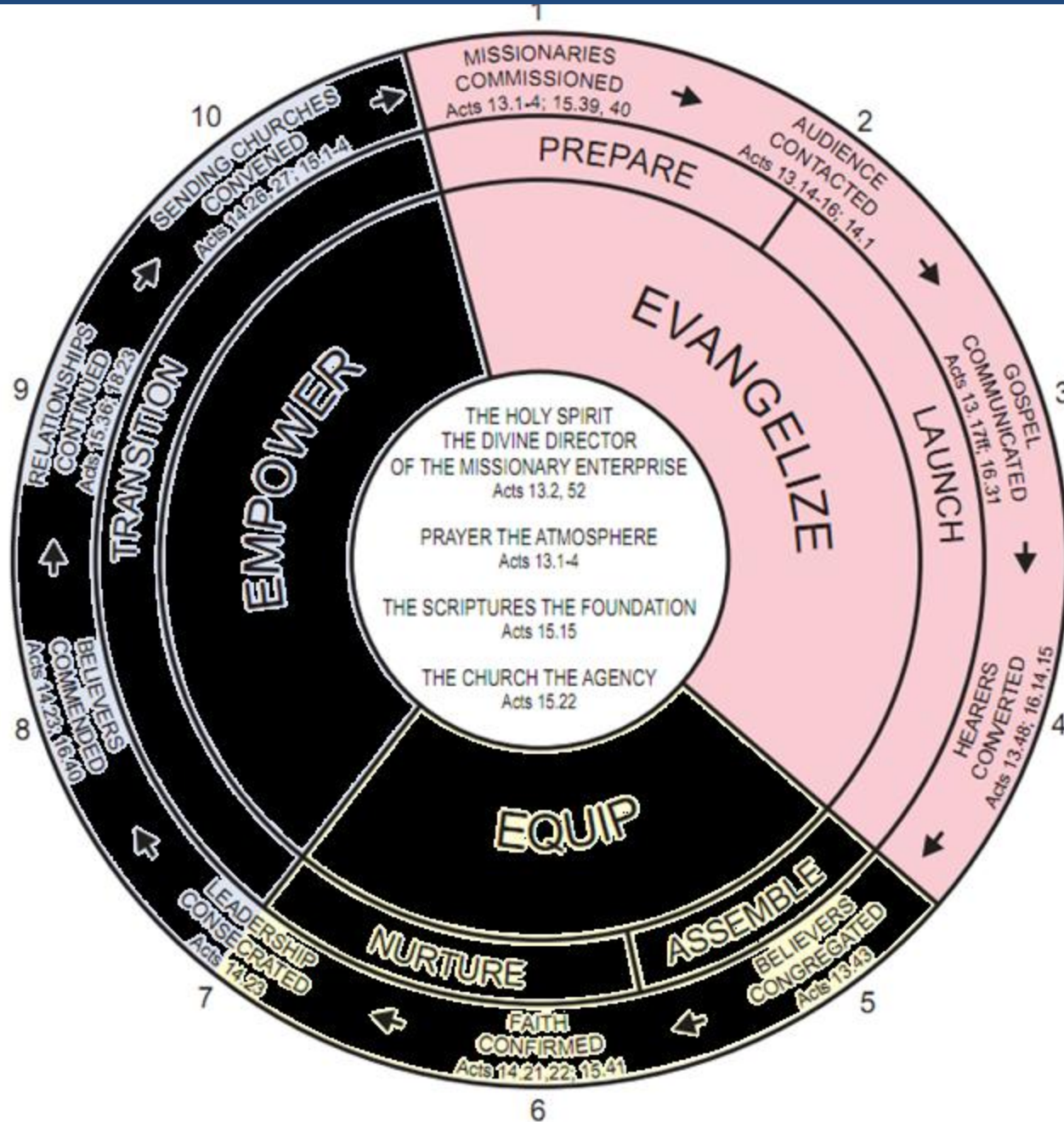
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- 2) Passionately embrace Jesus and engage in His work.
 - a. Eagerly accept the gospel.
 - b. Boldly proclaim the truth.

Acts 14:1-3

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 - c. Desperately **rely** on the Lord for His words and works.

Acts 14:1-3

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John 14:10-11

10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

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Acts 14:3, 6-10

3. . . reliance upon the Lord, **who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.**

6 . . . they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region; 7 and there they continued to preach the gospel. 8 ¶ At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he leaped up and began to walk.

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3) Superficially accept Jesus' offer and distort His message.

Acts 14:7-8, 11-13

7. . . they continued to preach the gospel. 8 At Lystra a man was sitting . . . lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us." 12 And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

2) Passionately embrace Jesus and engage in His work.

d. Passionately point to Jesus.

Acts 14:14-18

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out 15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM. 16 "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." 18 Even saying these things, with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

- 2) Passionately embrace Jesus and engage in His work.
e. Persevere through the power of God's _____.

Acts 14:19

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

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Acts 14:19-20

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. 20 But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 14:3

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Acts 14:26

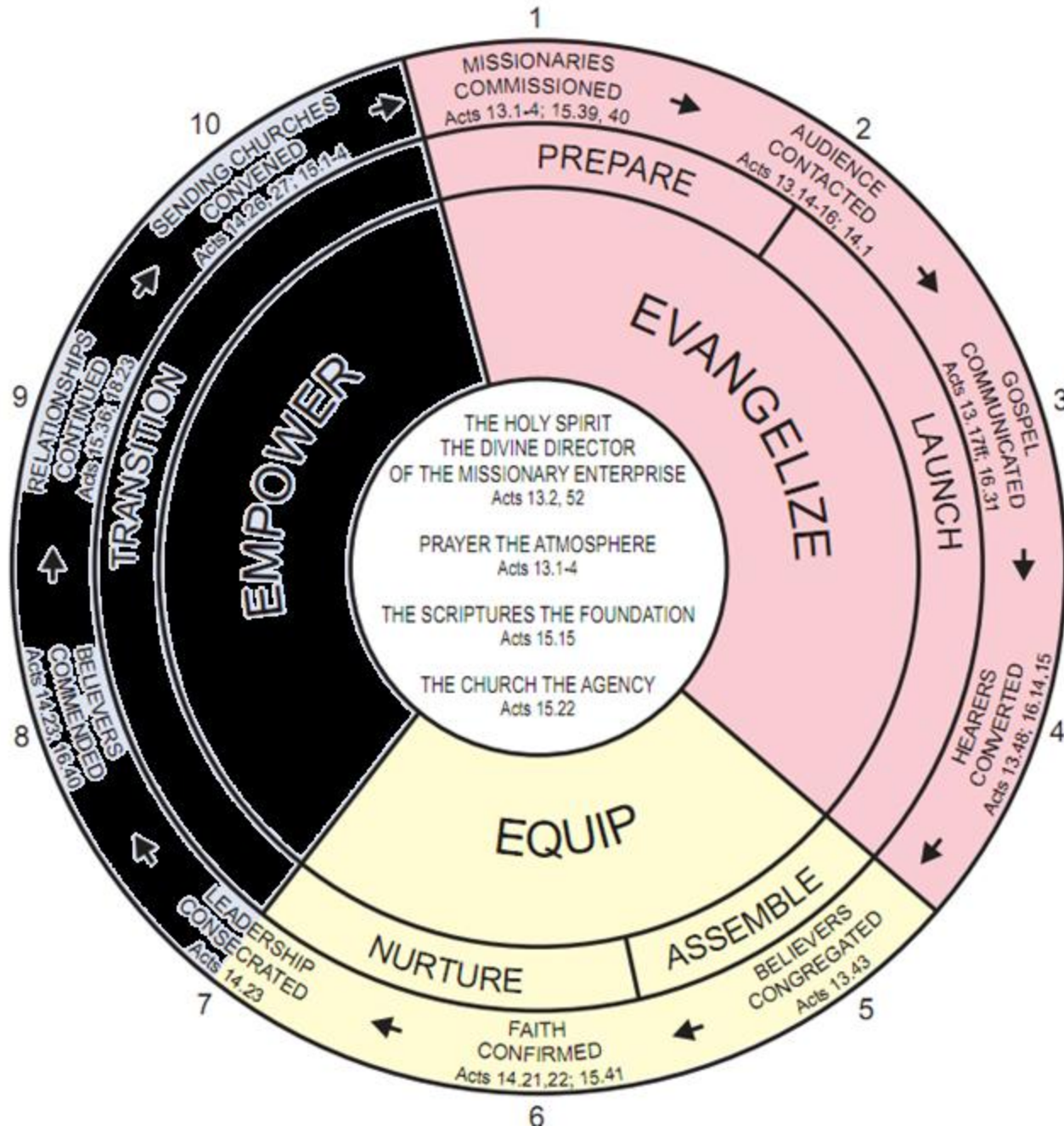
... Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.

- 2) Passionately embrace Jesus and engage in His work.
 - f. Strengthen and equip others in Him.

Acts 14:21-22

After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

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Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so

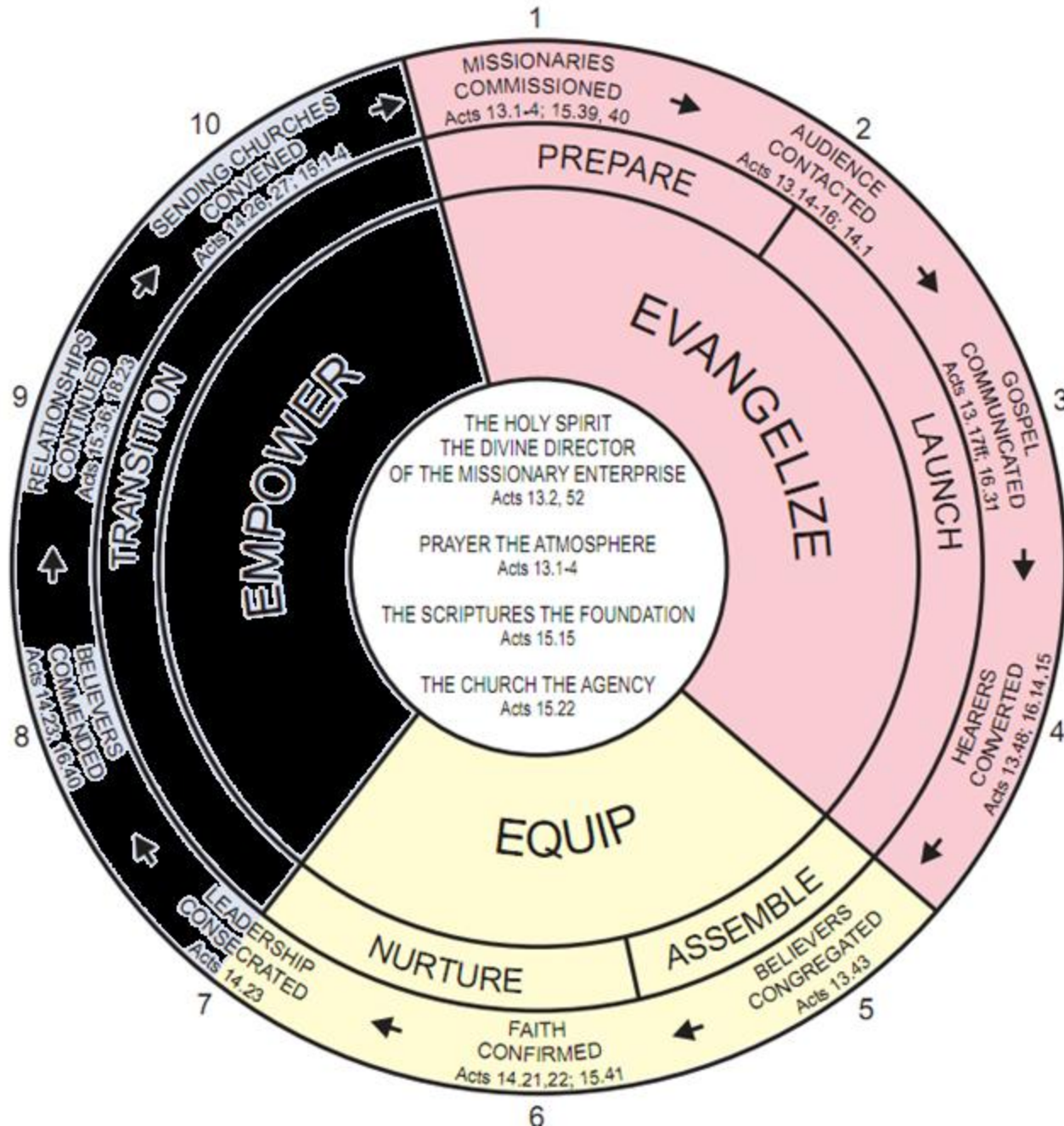
***walk in Him**, 7 having been firmly rooted and
now being built up in Him and established in your faith,
just as you were instructed, and overflowing with
gratitude.*

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f. Strengthen and equip others in Him.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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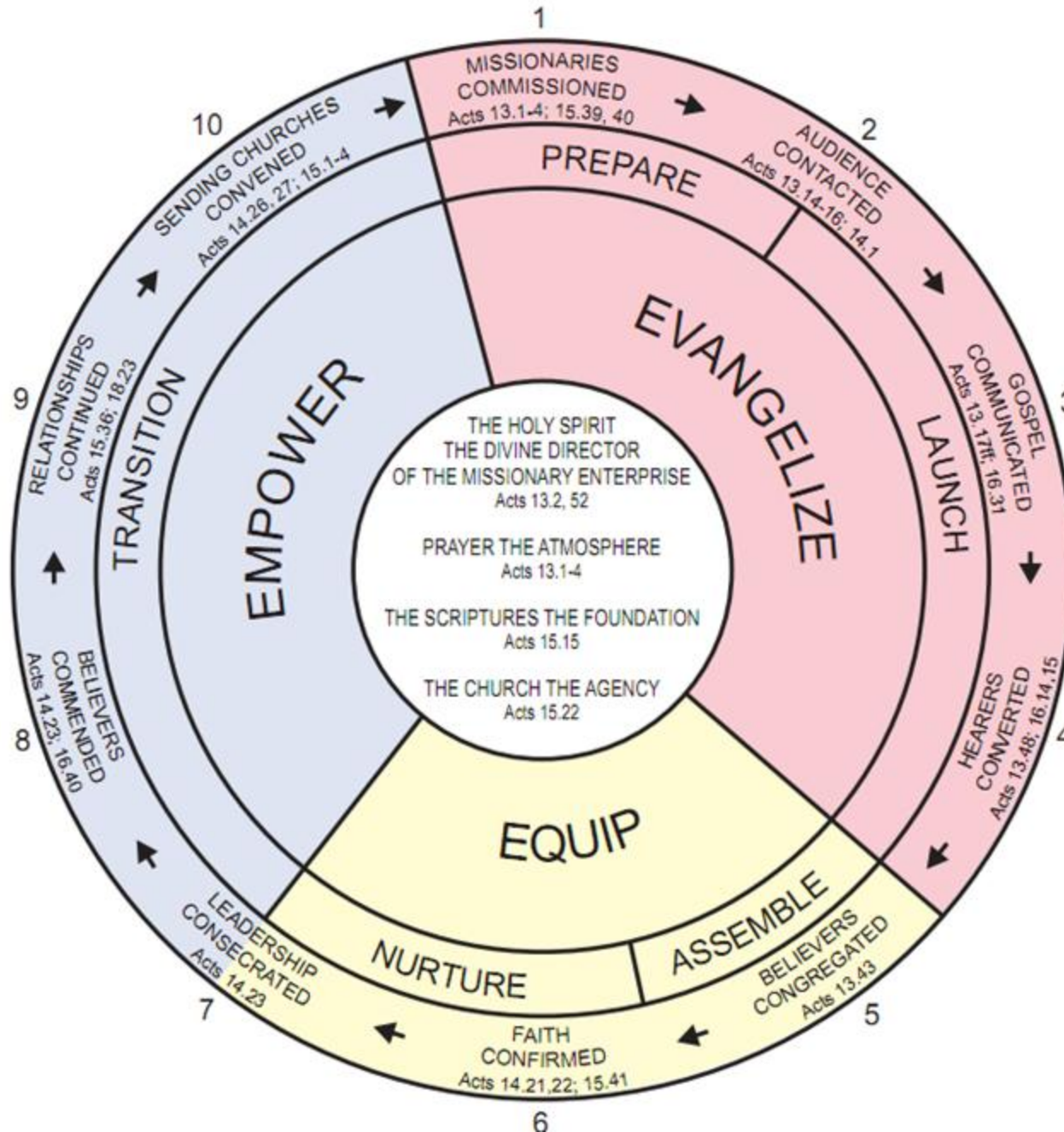


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g. Empower reliable leaders to do His work.

Acts 14:23

*When they had appointed elders for them in every church,
having prayed with fasting, they commended them to
the Lord in whom they had believed.*

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Acts 14:24-26

They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, . . .



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Acts 14:26

From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.

1) Open ears seeking God's leading.

Acts 13:1-2

... 2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

❑ Are we hungry to hear the Lord's direction for our lives?

❑ Are we open to God's leading?

II) Open hands releasing God's representatives and resources.

Acts 13:3

Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

☐ Are we willing to go and let go as the Lord leads?

- 2) Passionately **embrace** Jesus and **engage** in His work.
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Acts 14:27-28

27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they spent a long time with the disciples.

Applying God's Word to Life

A) What emotional response best fits you best?

- 1) Actively reject Jesus and oppose His people.
- 2) Passionately embrace Jesus and engage in His work.
- 3) Superficially accept Jesus' offer and distort His message.

B) Have you committed to “gather together “ at the Thanksgiving Meal – Dec. 4 @ 6pm.

- 1) To hear the report of God's grace at work in India.
- 2) To give thanks to the Lord for His words of hope and His work in our midst.