

## Message Notes

He makes the Nations Prove!

## Scripture Passages

(taken from the NIV or ESV)

Introduction - Galatians returns next week!

Message Series:  
JOY to the WORLD

Today's Message:  
He makes the Nations Prove!

And makes the nations prove,  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of his love!

1. How is it that God "makes the nations prove"?

Ephesians 3:1-11

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2. How does the early church respond to this demonstration?

The Pauline Cycle

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3. How does Hope respond?

4. How can you and I respond?

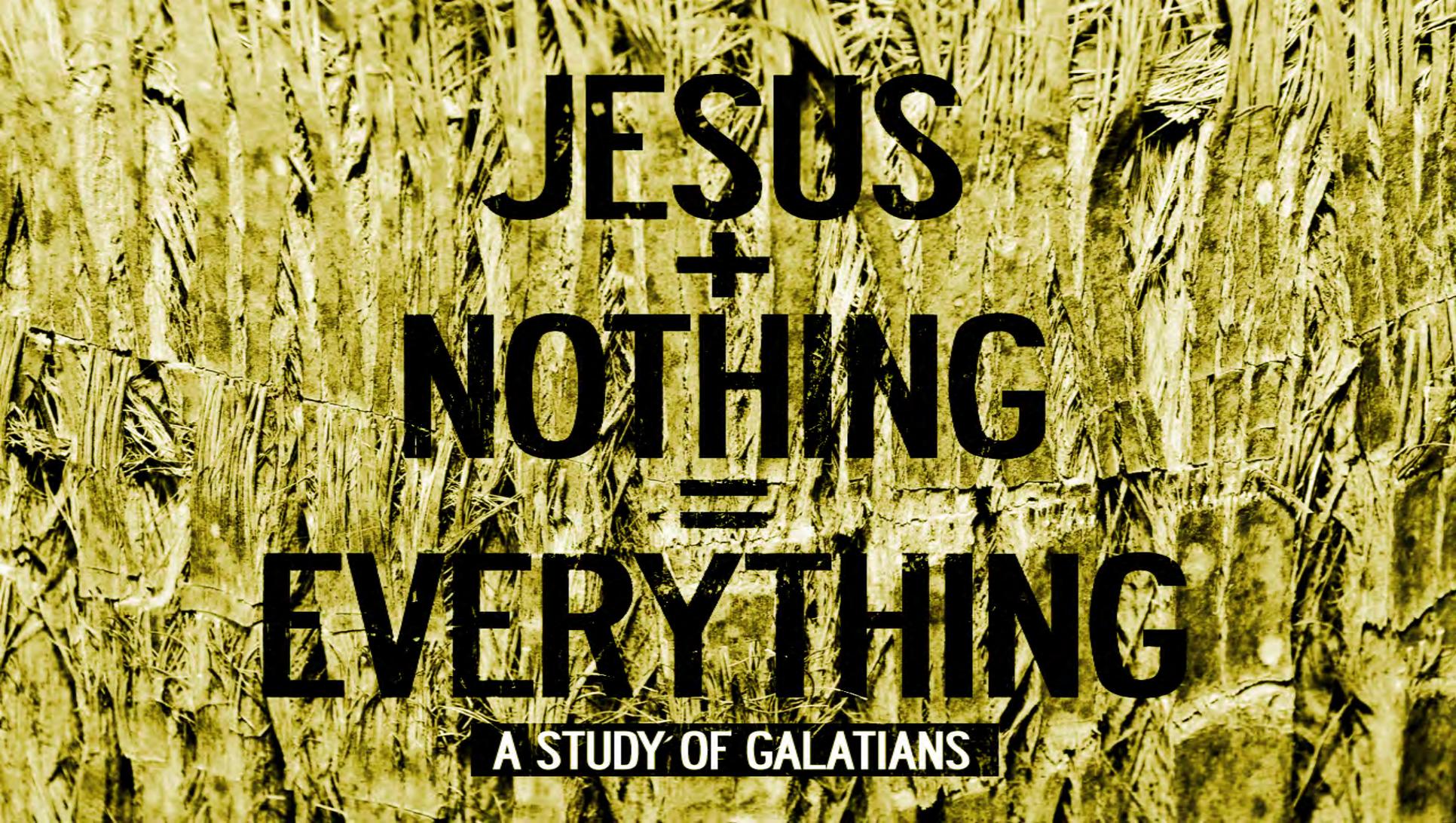
Application – What is one thing you can take action on to share in God's proving his righteousness and love?

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**A STUDY OF GALATIANS**



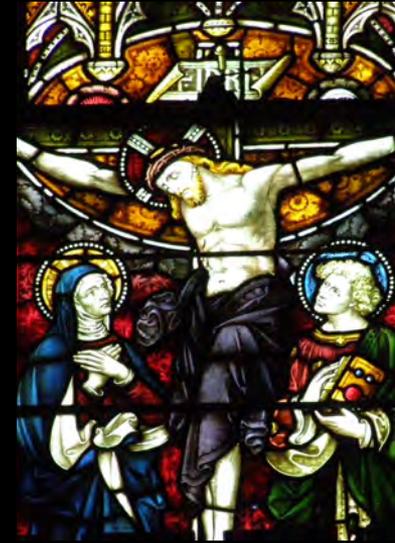
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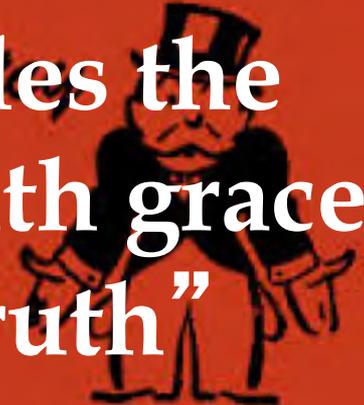


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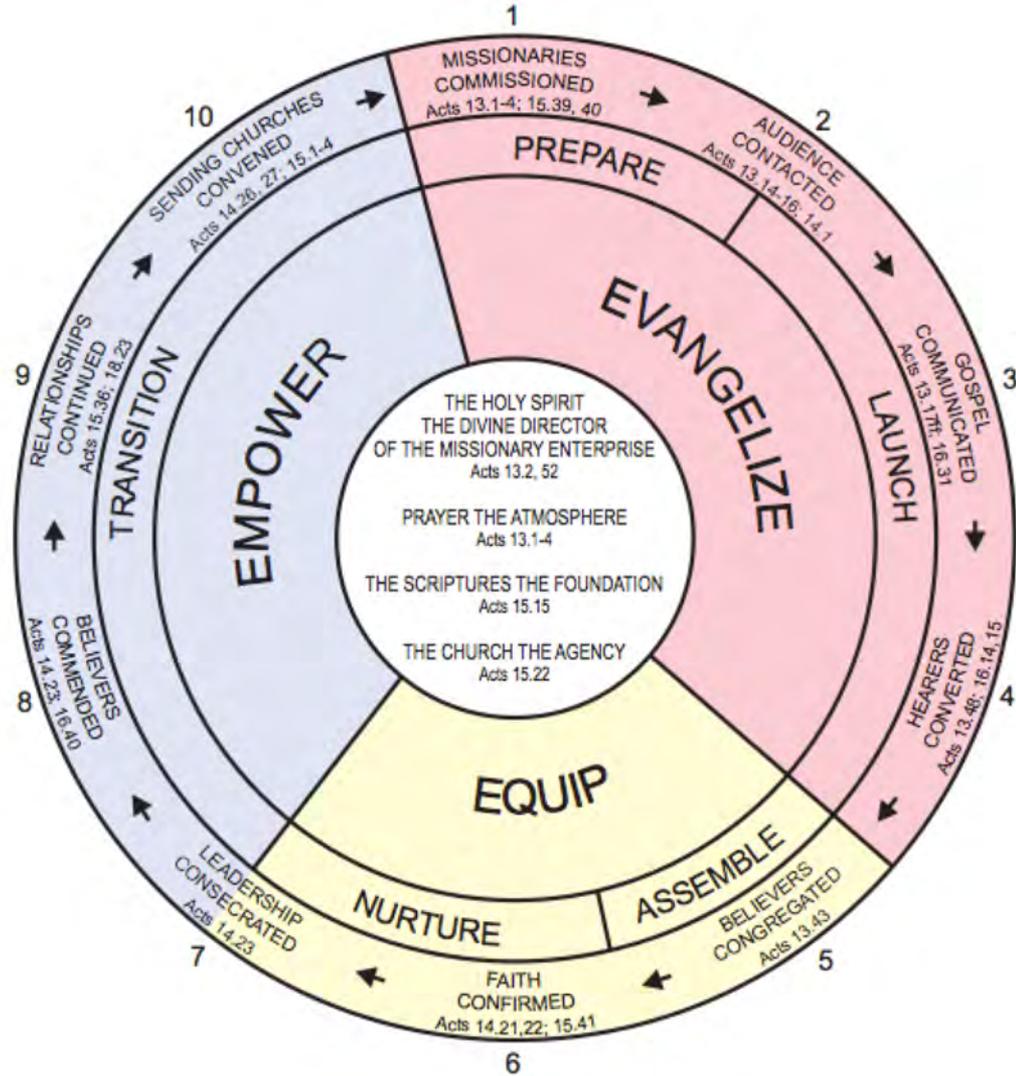
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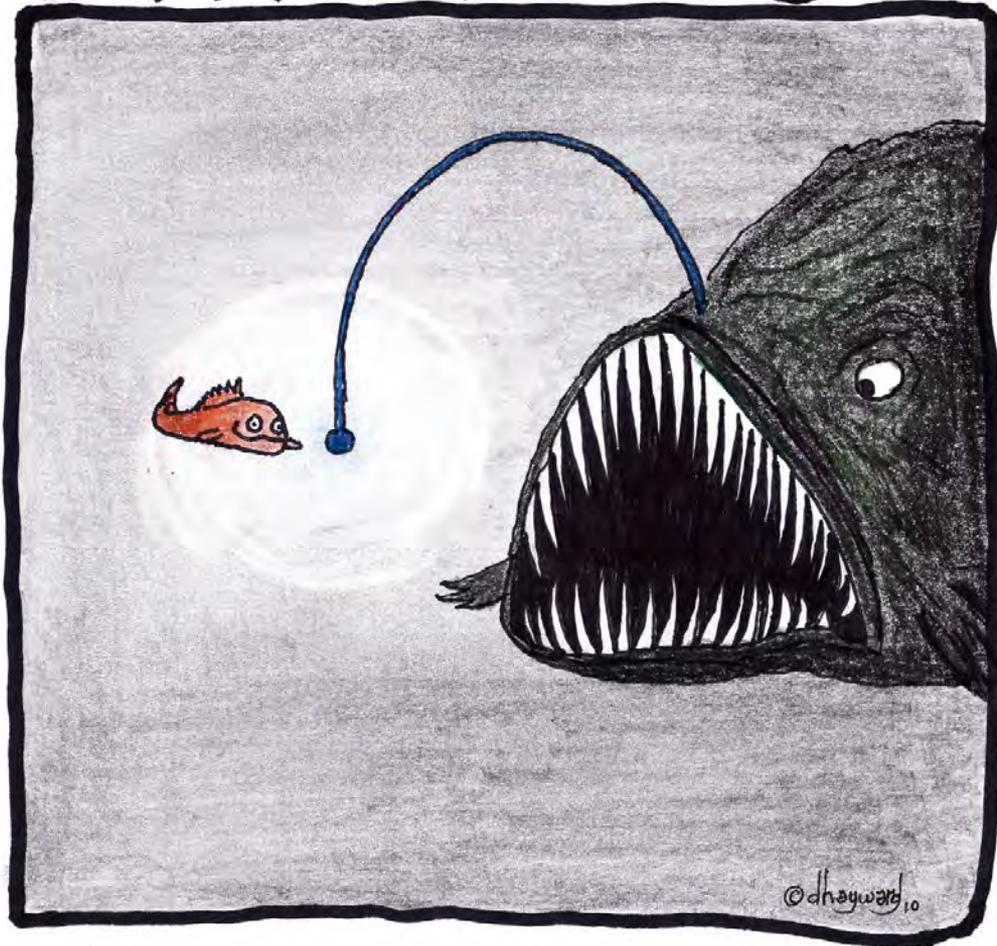
PART I

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“Really. He said *EVANGELIZE!* Can You *believe it??*”

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# The Pauline Cycle - Evangelize

#3 - Gospel Communicated

Acts 13:16, 26, 29-33, 38

16 Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

“Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me!...26 Fellow children of Abraham and you

God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent...29 When they had carried out

all that was written about Jesus, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 and for many days he was seen by

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those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

32 We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors 33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by

raising up Jesus...38 Therefore, my friends, I want you to

know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.”

# The Pauline Cycle - Evangelize

#4 - Hearers Converted

Acts 13:48-49

48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. 49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.



**PART II**

**EQUIP**

# The Pauline Cycle - Equip

#5 - Believers Congregated

Acts 13:42-43

42 As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. 43 When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

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#6 - Faith Confirmed

Acts 14:21-22

21 They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, 22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.



**PART III**

**EMPOWER**

# The Pauline Cycle - Empower

#7 - Leadership Consecrated

Acts 14:23

23 Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

# The Pauline Cycle - Empower

#8 - Believers Commended

Acts 16:40

40 After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.

# The Pauline Cycle - Empower

#9 - Relationships Continued

Acts 15:36

36 Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.”

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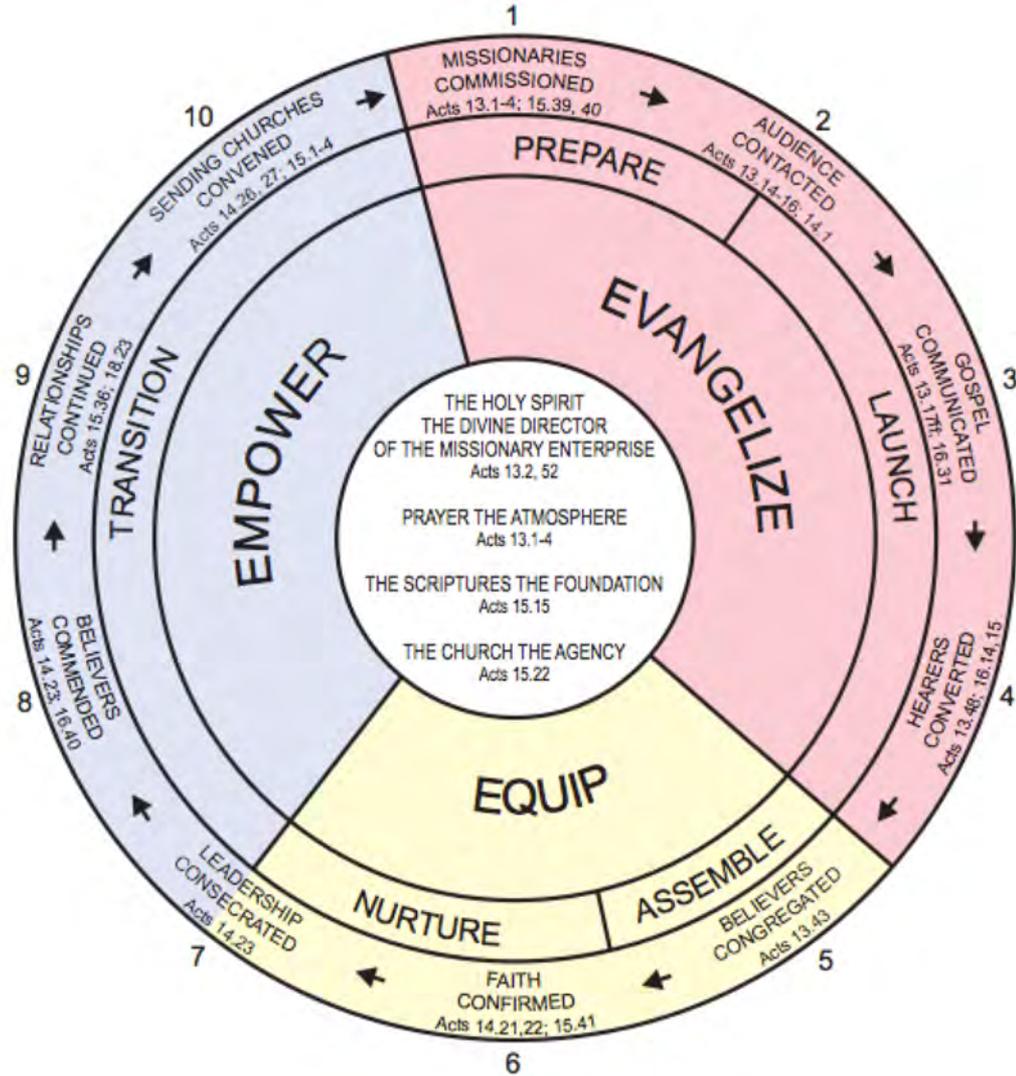
#10 - Sending Churches Convened

Acts 14:26-28

26 From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. 27 On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

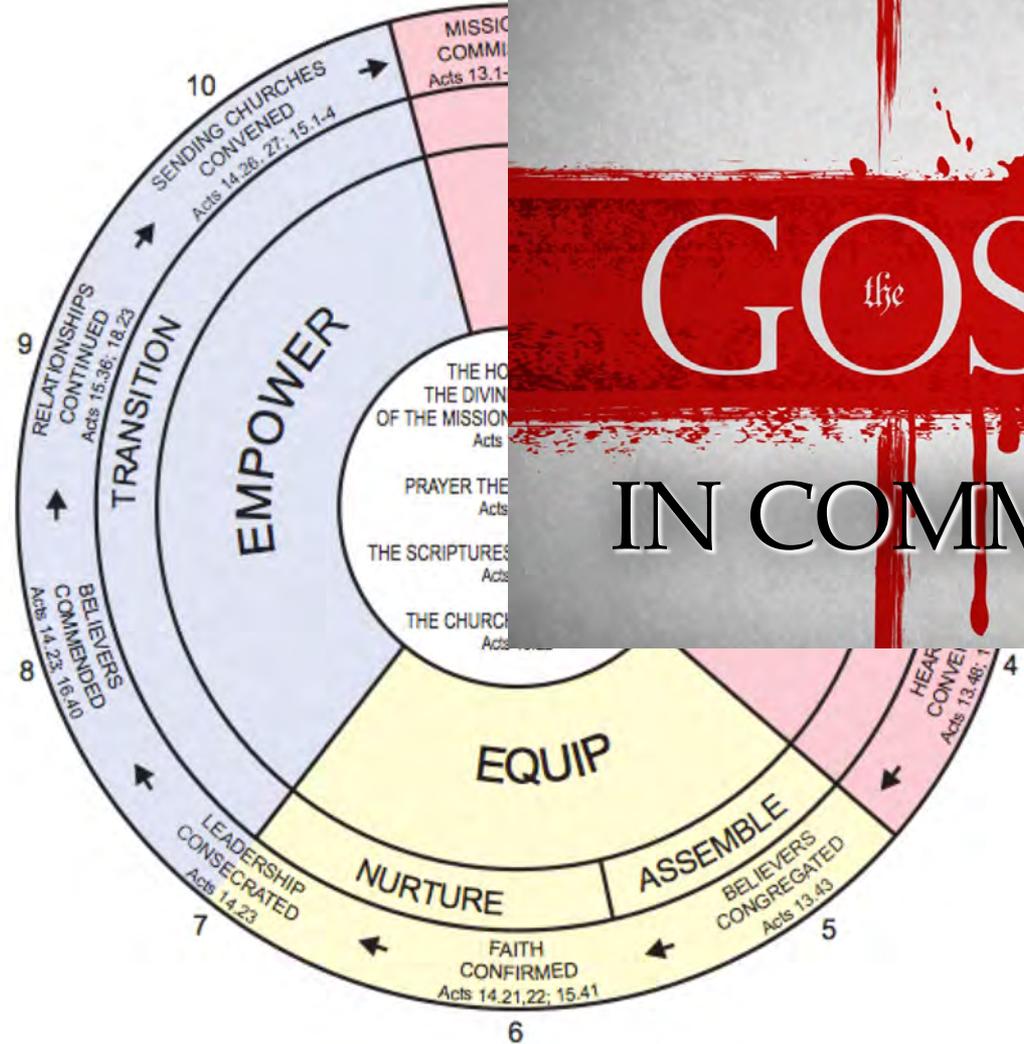
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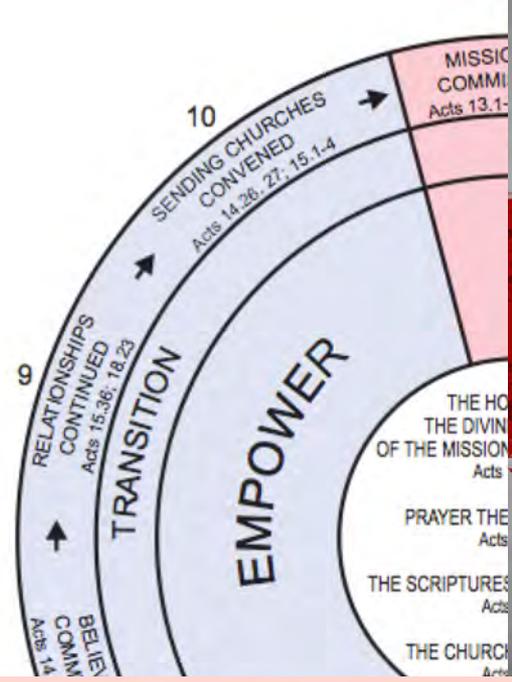
### 3. How does Hope respond to this demonstration?





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# 4. How can you and I respond to this demonstration?





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