

Full Circle (in a Roundabout Way)

Acts 14:19–28 (ESV)

Paul Stoned at Lystra

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When 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 that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Paul and Barnabas Return to Antioch in Syria

²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

From Allen's sermon, "Mind Your Business" on April 25:

"The supreme goal of history is the glory of God."

"The main business of the church is...

- to promote God's glory among the nations
- by sending out disciples of Jesus Christ
- to proclaim the Gospel
- so that non-worshippers of God become true worshipers of God
- and find their greatest joy in Him."

Paul's Circular Business Model

Doing business requires a _____.

1. A strategy for _____. (v. 21-22)
 - a. **Gospelizing** – (_____ the Good News)
Acts 5:42; 8:12; 8:35; 8:40; 13:32;
 - b. **Discipling** (_____ to _____)
Col 1:21-23; 1 Cor 15:1-2; Gal 1:6-9
2. A strategy for _____. (v. 23)
 - a. **Gathering**
 - b. **Releasing**

Doing business has a _____.

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" (Luke 14:28, ESV)

1. The loss of _____
2. The loss of _____

Doing business requires _____.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5–11, ESV)