

## GENERATIONS CHURCH

### **GOAL TONIGHT**

Our focus will be on how Paul particularly (as well as the other Apostles) passed on sound doctrine to the new believers and churches he was connected to. We want to look at Paul's process of establishing the churches and people in sound doctrine.

### **READING**

Acts 11:19-26, Acts 14:21-23, Acts 15:36 - 16:4, and Ephesians 3:1-13

### **QUESTIONS**

1. How important was it for the Jerusalem Church to get leaders out to Antioch, and why?
2. Why did Barnabas and Paul go back to the cities/people they had already proclaimed the gospel too? What was their goal?
3. What was the theological challenge the apostles had to overcome in the above Acts and Ephesians passages?

### **VERBALLY ESTABLISHED**

- 1 Corinthians 11:2
- 2 Timothy :13-14

### **WROTE LETTERS**

- 1 Timothy 3:14-16
- Romans 15:15

### **SENT TRUSTED LEADERS**

- 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
- Titus 1:5

### **MAIN IDEAS**

1. Sound doctrine was to be lived out in the churches not just believed.
2. Paul labored to see that the churches were established in "the teaching" and remained strong in the faith.
3. Paul's early letters focus on grounding them in this faith, and his later letters, as well as the general epistles (especially 2 Peter and Jude), focus on remaining firm in faith and contending against false teachers.

### **QUESTIONS**

1. How did Paul respond to churches or individuals that resisted the traditions, patterns, and sound doctrine, delivered by him?
2. How important did Paul say it was for new churches and Christians to be stabilized in sound doctrine?
3. What are some of the implications of not stabilizing a new church (or new believer) in the traditions and doctrines the apostles delivered to the early churches?