

Acts to Revelation
The World of the First Christians

Session 6 – The Journey Continues – Pamphylia, Galatian, & Asia Minor

Session Summary – Tonight we continue our drive through history traveling the route of Paul's first missionary journey, sailing north from Cyprus to the coast of Asia Minor. We will visit the Biblical sites of Perga, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, where Paul and Barnabas preached the Gospel, healed the sick, and faced dramatic challenges. In addition to experiencing the food and fun of Turkish culture, we will journey to other ancient sites in Turkey that help explain the early growth of Christianity in the region, despite severe persecution.

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
– Acts 13:47

Antalya is the largest Turkish city on the Mediterranean coast and the fifth most populous city in all of Turkey. With the imposing Taurus Mountains rising just behind it, this spot is the jewel of the "Turkish Riviera." Among the vast history lining the streets of Antalya is "Hadrian's Gate," built to honor the Roman Emperor Hadrian, who visited the area in 130AD. Except for the pillars, this intricate structure is built entirely of white marble. Eventually, the gates were enclosed by the city's walls, which actually protected it for centuries. As the walls crumbled over time, Hadrian's Gate was once again revealed, and is not considered one of the best preserved Roman gates in the world.

Scripture Reading – Acts 13:13-52 & Acts 14

Discussion Questions:

1. What is today's largest Turkish city on the Mediterranean coast?
2. What was the capital city of the Roman Province of Pamphylia?
3. What was the capital city of the Roman Province of Galatia?
4. After God used Paul to heal a crippled man in Lystra, who did the people think Paul and Barnabas were?
5. Why did Paul and Barnabas ultimately leave Lystra and flee to Derbe?

Scriptures for next week – Acts 15 – 16:1-10. Book of James. 1 & 2 Timothy. Galatians.

