

4 Fields Principles:

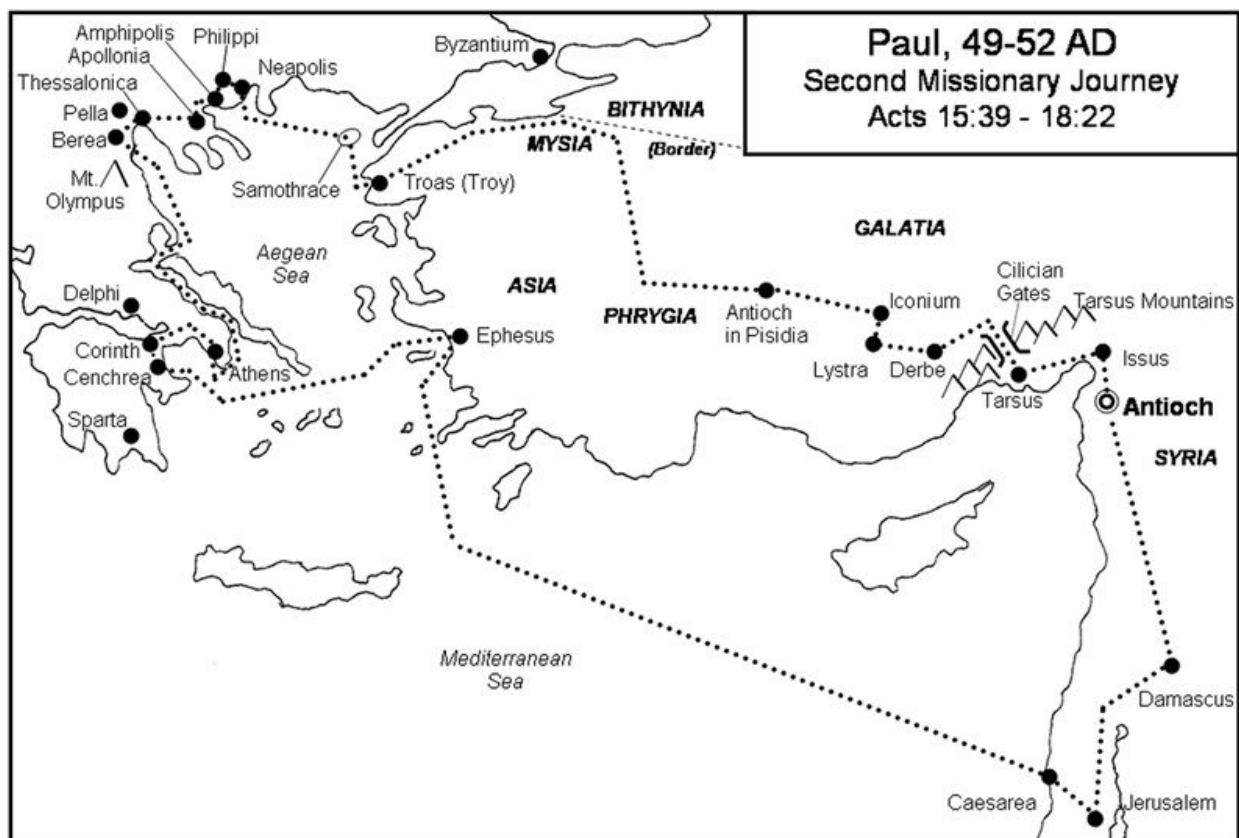
The Establishment of the Church in Thessalonica (DBS)

Background

The book of Acts is the story of the expansion of the church for the first 30-40 years after the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. One of the main leaders of this missionary work is the Apostle Paul. Paul took a number of journeys which carried him across much of what is today, Turkey, Greece and Italy. On his second missionary journey (see map), Paul spent three weeks in Thessalonica before he was chased out of town (Acts 17:1-10). A few months later he sent Timothy, one of his assistants back to visit the believers in Thessalonica and then wrote the church their two letters (1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians).

Assignment

What can we discover about entry strategies, gospel strategies, discipleship strategies, church planting strategies and leadership development strategies from the establishment of the Thessalonian church?



Read the following passages out loud with your group. Start by summarizing in a few sentences what was happening in the passage in the chart below. Jot down all the examples of the five parts of the four fields that you find within the passages. You may have to dig beneath the surface a bit. You may not find examples of each field in each passage.

Passage	Context: What is happening?
Acts 17:1-10	
Acts 20:4	
Acts 27:2	
1Thess. 1:1-10	
1 Thess. 2:7-12	
1 Thess. 3:1-5	
1 Thess. 4:9	
2 Thess. 1:11-12	
2 Thess. 2:15	
2 Thess. 3:9	

Entry Strategies:	Gospel Strategies:
Church Planting Strategies:	Discipleship Strategies:

Leadership Development Strategies: