

God's Blueprint for the Church: Part 2
Taking the Good News Beyond My Borders-Continued
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Telling others about Jesus will

- Bring division (Acts 14:1-7; Matt 10:32-40;12:30; 2 Cor 2:15-16)
- Bring healing (Acts 14:8-9; 1 Pet 2:23-25; Eph 2:1-10)
- Require clarification (Acts 14:10-18; 9:26-35;17:16-34)
- Be costly (Acts 14:19-20; Mark 9:34-37; 2 Cor 11:23-29; 2 Tim 1:8-12)
- Require on-going commitment (Acts 14:21-28; 20:17-35; 2 Tim 2:1-2; Titus 2:1-3:11)

Personally:

Have you noticed that any mention of Jesus in a conversation usually results in a strong reaction from others one way or another? Why do you think that is true?

Does that keep you from telling others about Christ? If so, why?

Paul's encouragement to other followers of Christ was that we should expect hardships as normal in following Christ (14:22).

Why is this important for us to hear?

Have you ever mentored (or disciplined) another Christian by sharing with them the things that you have learned? Who is someone that you might be able to help grow in their faith and take the step to invite them to join you?