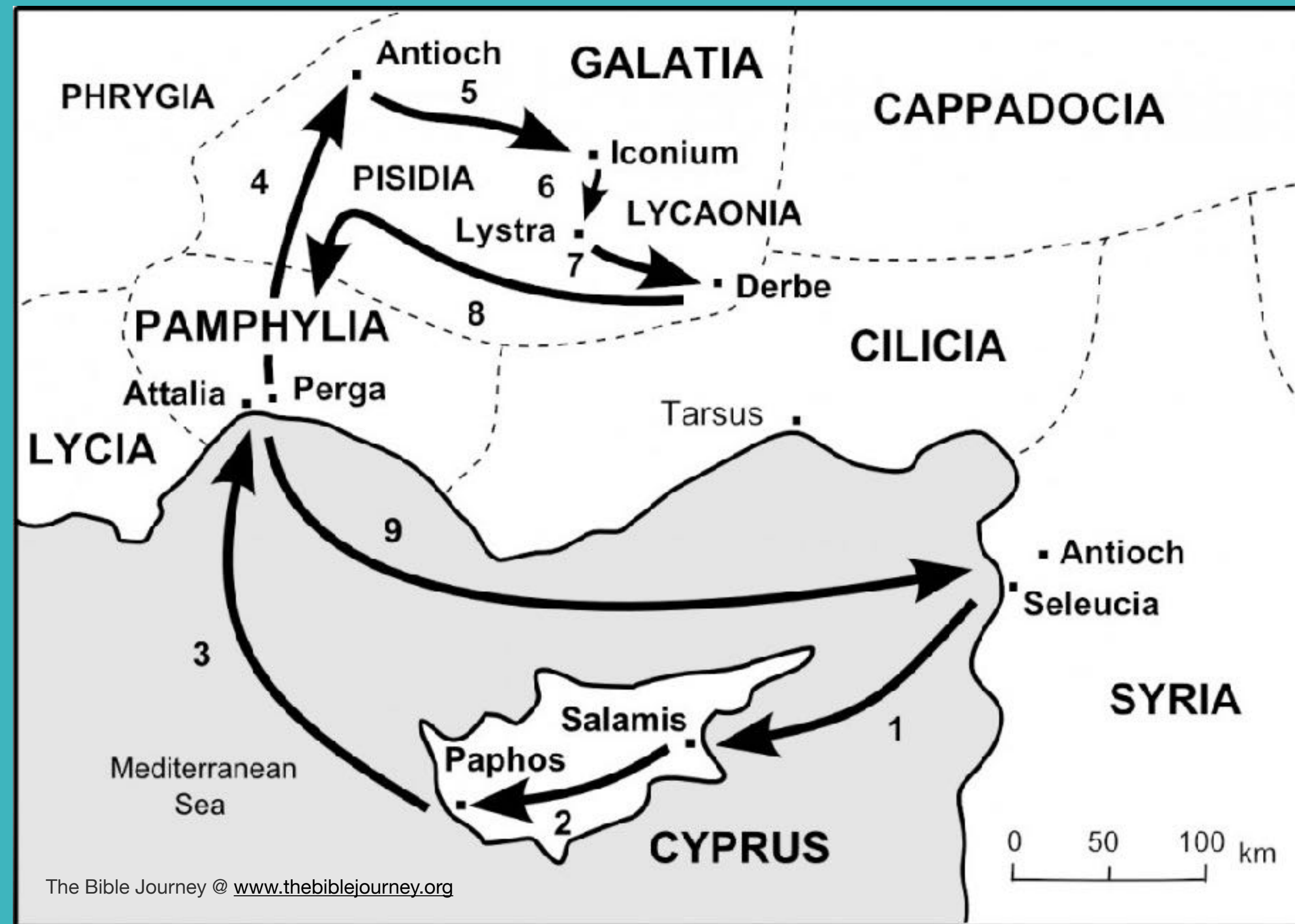


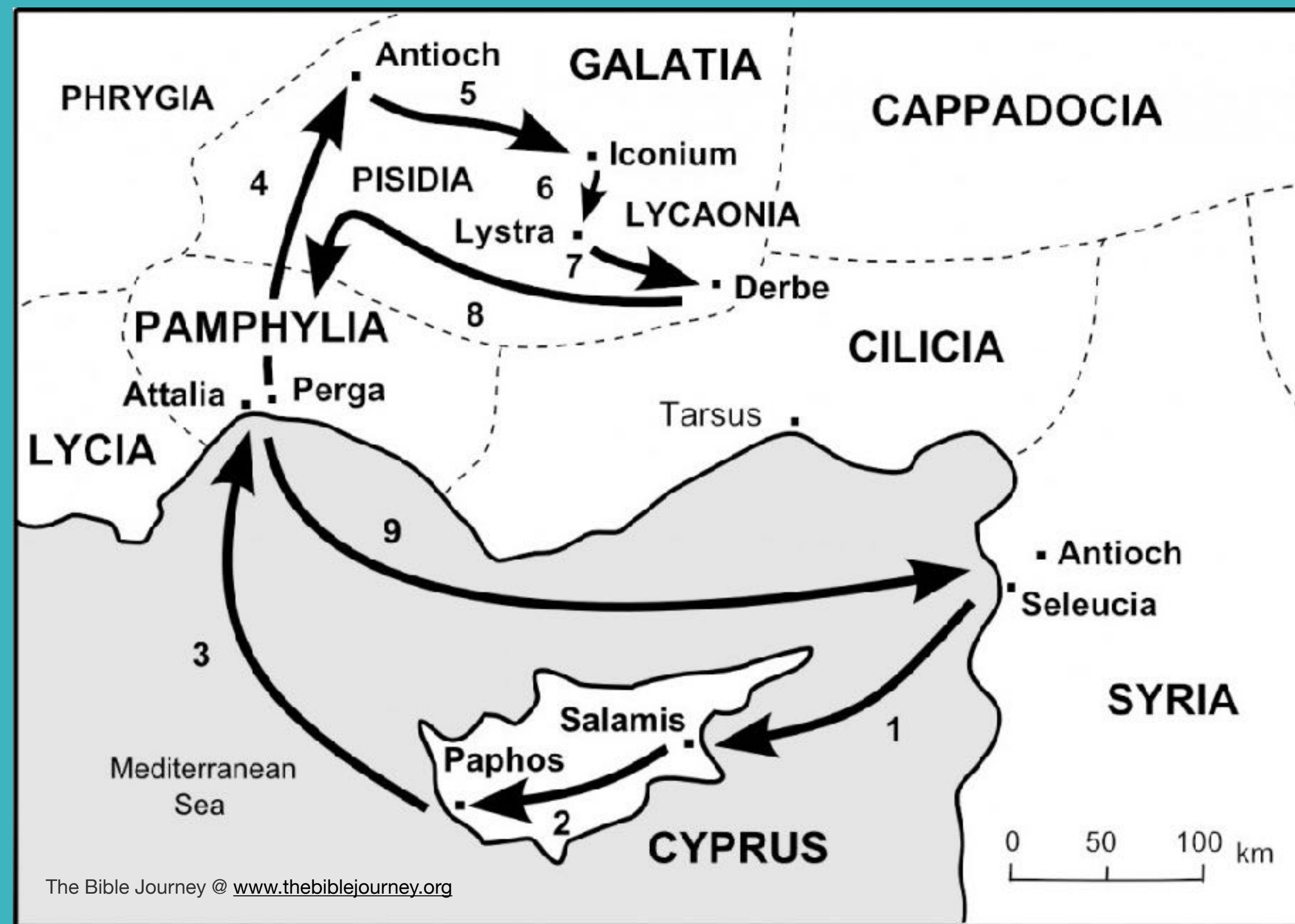
# Outward Church: What is a Successful Mission?

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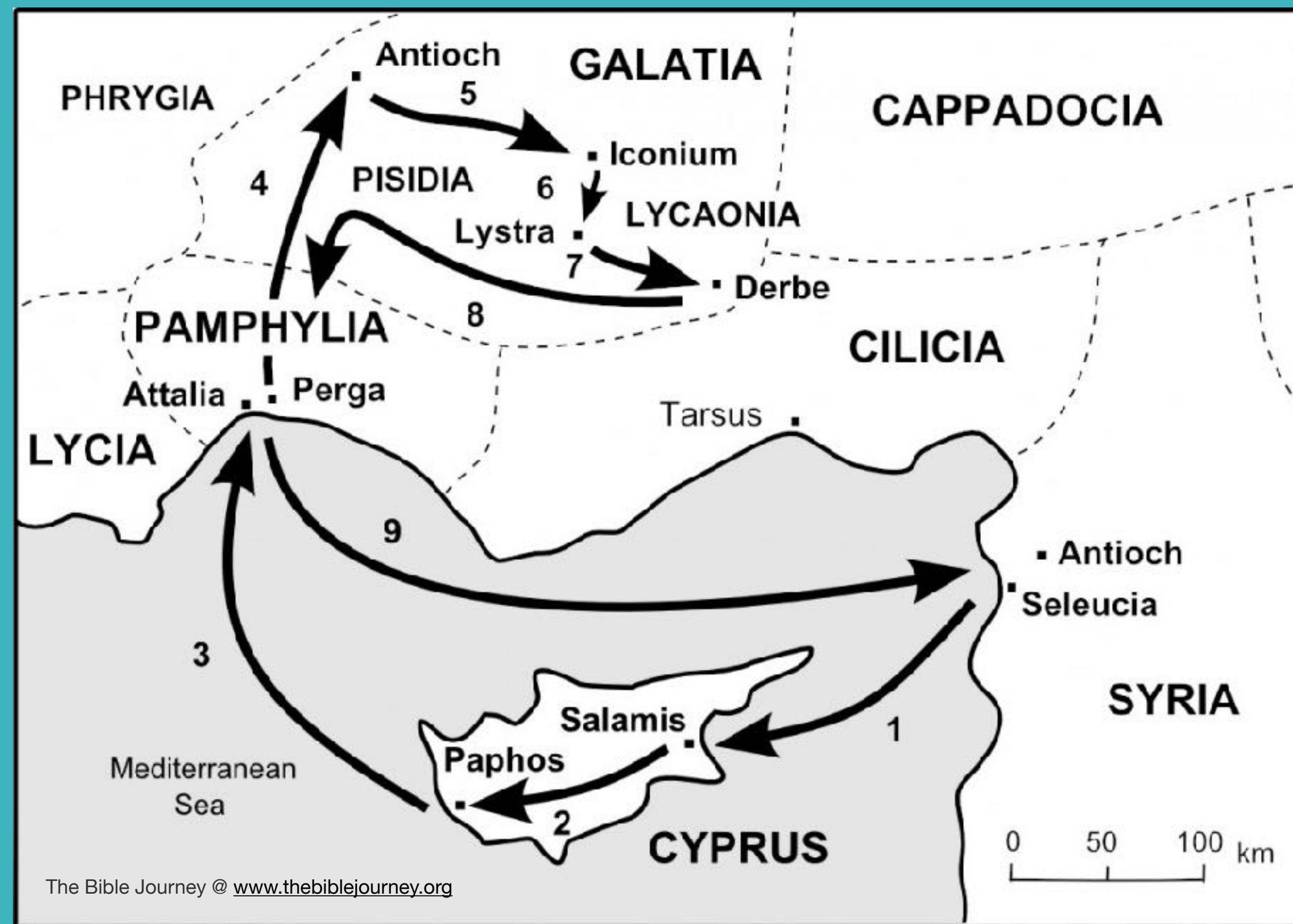
**Acts 14:27** And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. (ESV)



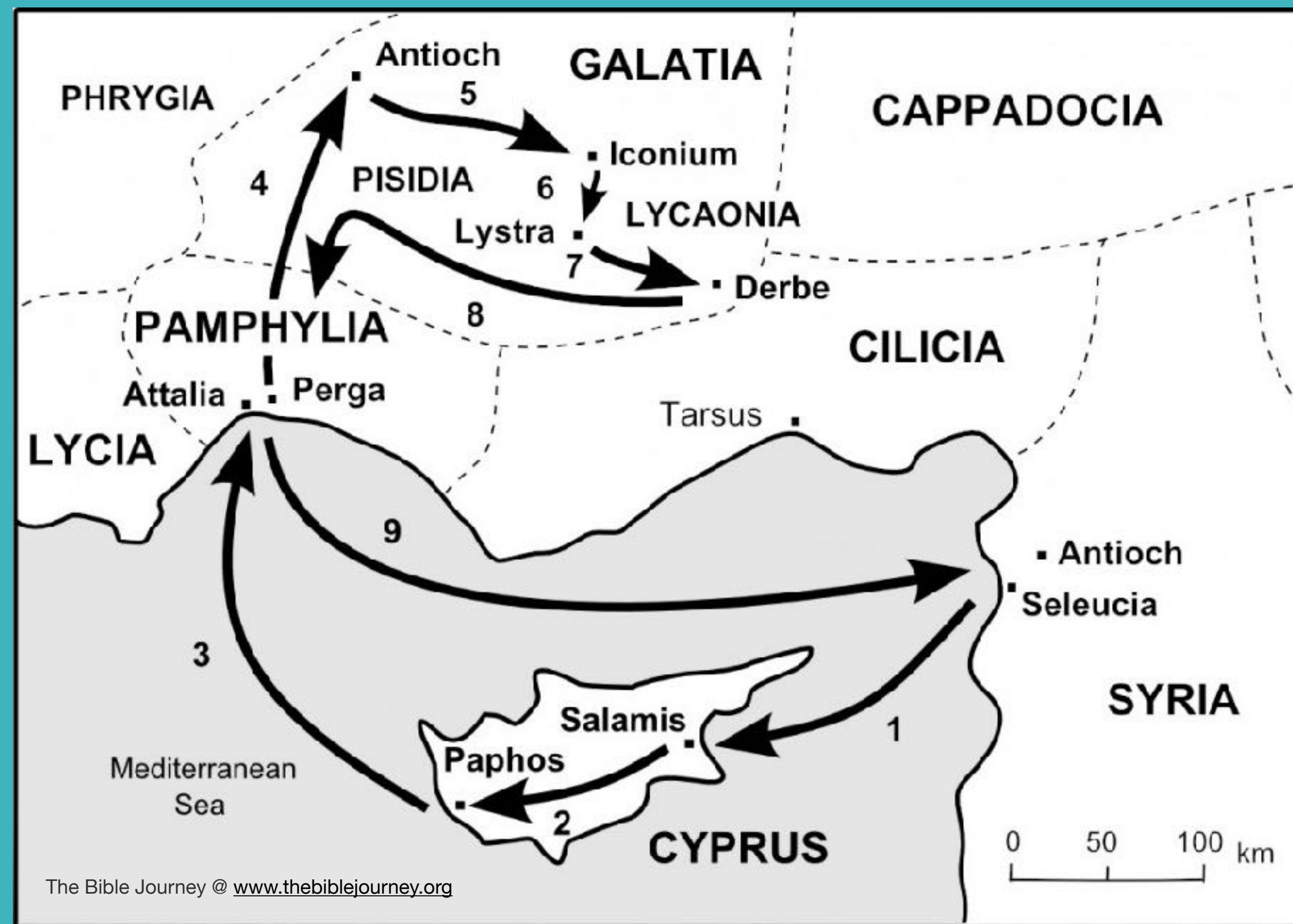
**Acts 13:4-12** | On Cyprus Paul confronts a magician, blinds him, and a local government leader believes.



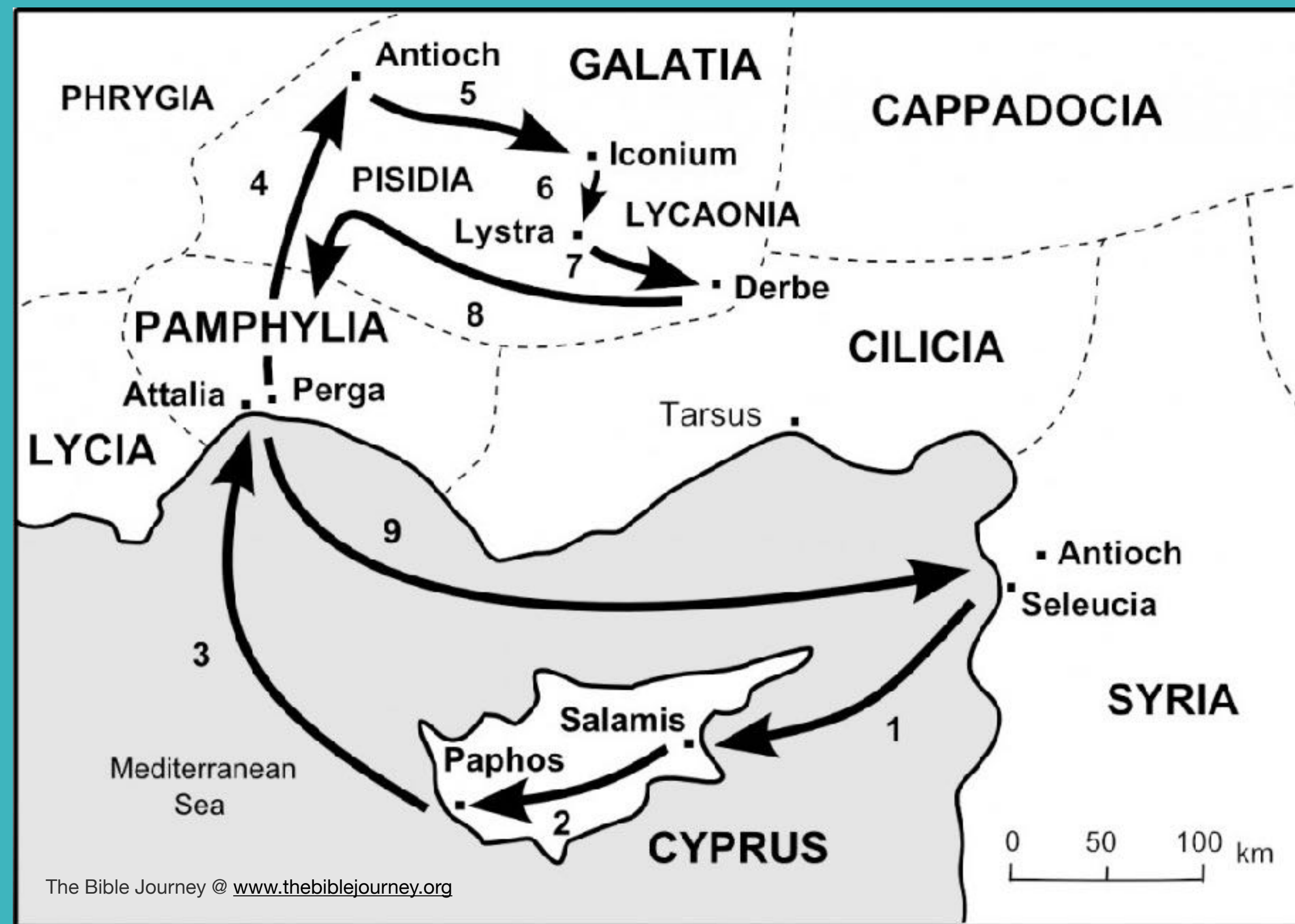
**Acts 13:13-52** | Paul preaches to the Jews in Antioch in Pisidia, but after initial interest, even drawing a large crowd, the Jews reject him. The Gentiles believe and the word spreads. The leaders of the city drive them out. Paul and Barnabas shake off the dust on their feet as judgment against them as they leave.



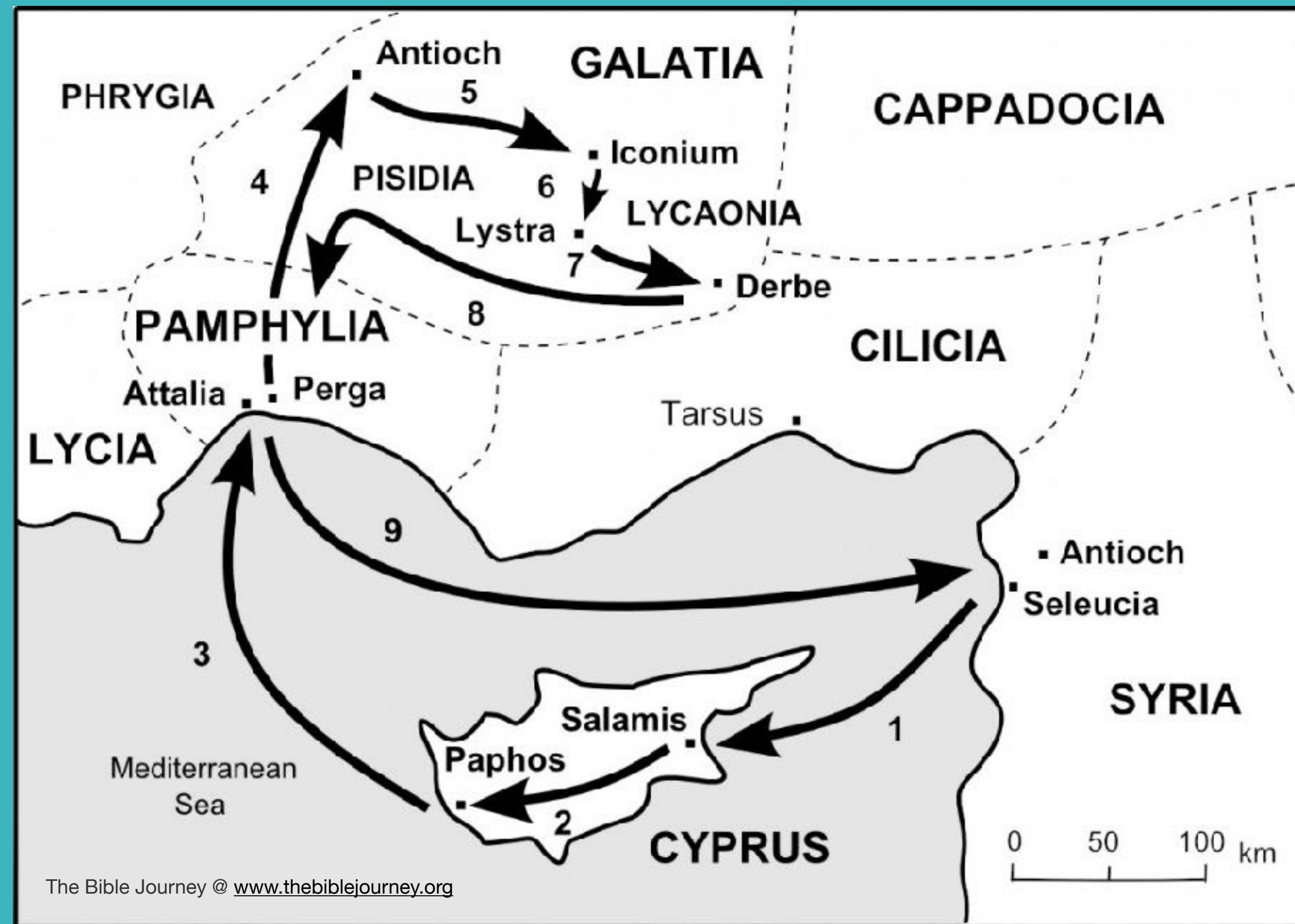
**Acts 14:1-7** | They come to Iconium, they preach, and both Jews and Greeks believe. But unbelievers poison the majority against them. They persevere for a long time, but after an attempted stoning, they leave.



**Acts 14:8-18** | They go to Lystra, a small backwater city. Paul heals a cripple but the people think he and Barnabas are Zeus and Hermes so they start worshipping them. Paul and Barnabas tear their garments and insist they're not the one true God. Creation testifies of God.



**Acts 14:19-23** | Then opposition comes from the previous cities, Antioch and Iconium, persuade the crowds against them, and stone Paul. He survives and goes to Derbe where he preaches the gospel and makes disciples. Then they return to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the disciples, encouraging them, and appointing leaders.



**Acts 14:24-28** | They return to Antioch, celebrating what God has done, and stay there for a long time.



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