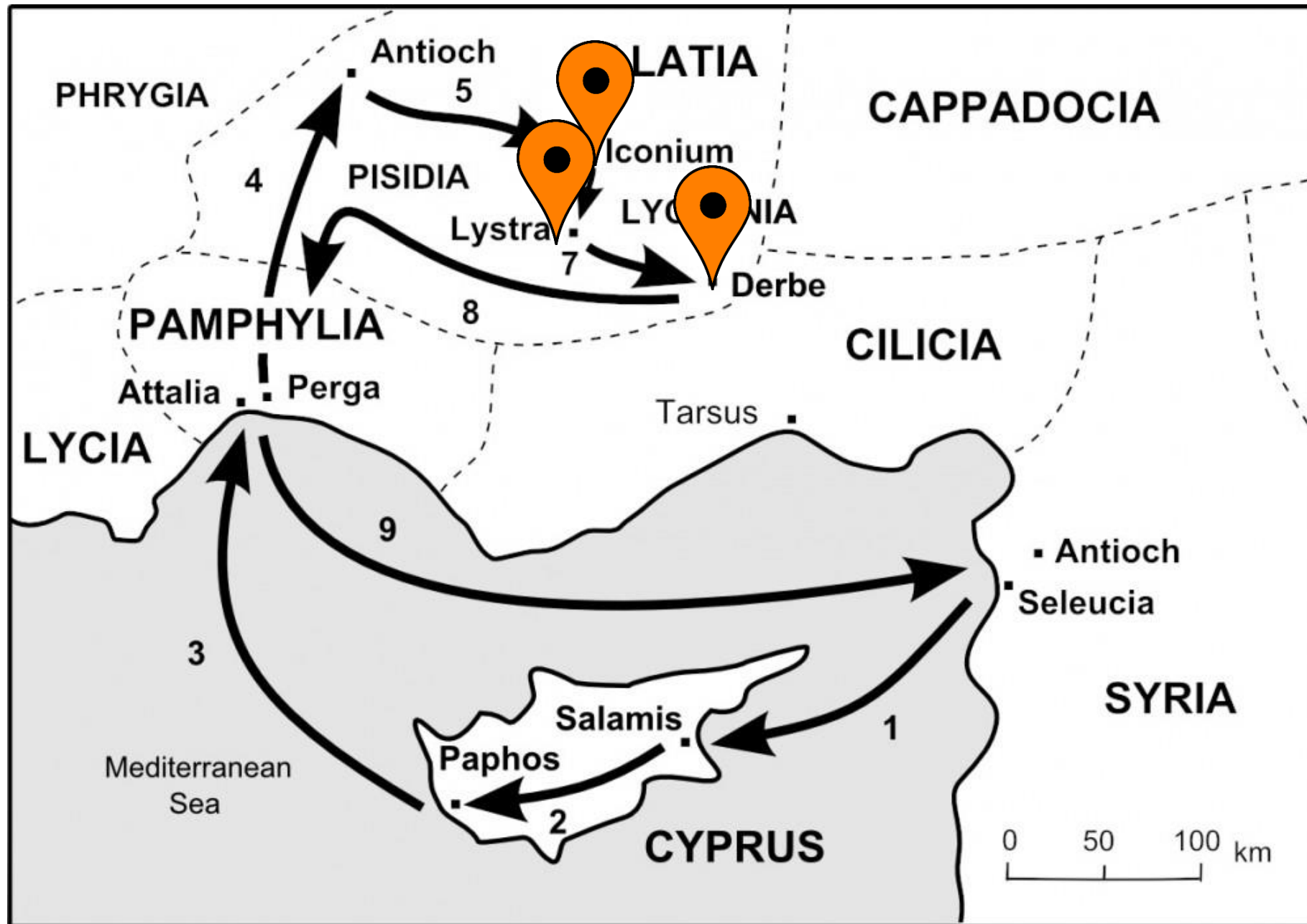


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- 1. Persecution is the backdrop for  
God's advancing gospel.  
(Acts 14:1-3)**

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**2. Persecution comes because the  
gospel divides!  
(Acts 14:4-7)**

“The experience of the missionaries has been a lively one, ***but it did not lead to a change of policy or tactics***”

*C. K. Barrett*

*(in David Peterson, The Acts of the Apostles Pillar Commentary)*

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**3. Persecution will not prevent the  
advance of the gospel!  
(Acts 14:8-20)**

**4. Persecution is *consistent* with  
God's sovereign plan. (v22)**

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**5. The reality of persecution**

...means that there's a critical need for  
meaningful strengthening and  
encouragement of believers...

And more local churches!

(Acts 14:21-23)