

SOMETHING NEW • A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF

ACTS

BUILDING GOSPEL BRIDGES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Commentary on Acts 14 <https://www.preceptaustin.org/acts-14-commentary>

START THINKING. Ask these question to get your LifeGroup thinking.

Read Acts 14: 1-28

- What does 'joining God's mission' mean to you? In what ways has your life changed since you accepted God's message and mission?
- Can you think of a time in your life where opposition spurred you on to greater effort?

Explain.

- Paul and Barnabas came with a message of grace. Why do you think people divided over this message? Can you think of a major issue where people are not divided?

How does such division affect the church?

START TALKING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup talking.

- Do you think that it's possible to be right even if large numbers of people disagree?

Explain.

- How was the miracle of healing that occurred at Lystra (14:8-10) similar to one that occurred in Acts 3:1-10? Why was it significant to say the man was lame from birth?

- How do you think Paul knew the man had faith?
- Why do you think the reactions to the same type of healing were so different?
- What reaction did Paul and Barnabas have toward those who wished to worship them (Acts 14:14-18)? How might you respond to someone who wants to give you praise for something you have done? What are the “useless things” that Paul referred to in verse 15? What are some examples of contemporary useless things?
- Do you think what Paul and Barnabas decided to do next was the right thing to do (Acts 14:20)?
- What three things did Paul and Barnabas do when they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch (Acts 14:21-23)?
- What was the importance of these actions?
- What did Paul say is involved with entering the Kingdom of God (14:22)? How do you see this as true today? Give specific examples. When you think of Paul’s comment, what kinds of things do you fear?
- What would it look like to have your whole life described by the Gospel?
- Once Paul and Barnabas returned to the church at Antioch in Syria, what did they do (Acts 14:26-28)? How important is this step for the church? How is this similar to what our missionaries still do today?
- What would it look like to have your whole life described by the Gospel?
- What principles of missions and outreach do you find in Paul’s first journey that are applicable today?
- How do you know when you have completed a mission? When is “enough, enough”?
- All believers are on their own mission journey. Can you stop focusing on the opposition and start looking for what God is doing through you?
- Why, when you know it will bring hardship, do you still join God in His mission?

START SHARING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup sharing.

Are any of these true for you? Discuss.

- I've resisted allowing the Gospel to describe my whole life. I've been afraid of the consequences and hardships of allowing the Gospel to describe my whole life.
- I have typically only thought about the Kingdom of God as a future concept, not a present reality.
- Because the Kingdom of God is here and because I want the Gospel to describe my whole life, despite the hardships, my next step is _____.

START PRAYING.

Pray together as a group.