

Life Group Questions
“A Tale of Three Cities”
Acts 14:1-28

Opener: What does joining God’s mission mean to you? In what ways has your life changed since you accepted God’s message and mission?

Read the passage: Acts 14:1-28

1. What does Paul emphasize about God in his speech? How is his speech to this crowd different from his previous sermon in the synagogue (13:17-41)? Why the difference? What do we know about this crowd?
2. How would you explain the gospel to someone who is unfamiliar with scripture?
3. What do you think caused Paul and Barnabas to spend a considerable amount of time speaking boldly (14:3)? Can you think of a time in your life where opposition spurred you on to greater effort? Explain.
4. How was the miracle of healing at Lystra (14:8-10) similar to the one that occurred in Acts 3:1-10? How was it different?
5. How were the Lycaonian people attempting to fit the gospel into their own worldview (14:8-13)? How do we do that today?
6. What were the circumstances surrounding the stoning of Paul? Why did the crowd turn on him so suddenly? Where was Barnabas?
7. How would you feel if you were one of these new believers (vv. 21-25) after you had heard about the treatment Paul and Barnabas had received?
8. Sum up in your own words the results of Paul and Barnabas’ missionary trip. Read 14:26-28. How did Paul sum up his missionary trip? Discuss.
9. What lessons do you think Paul learned from his time in these cities? (Read 2 Corinthians 1:9-10; 2 Corinthians 4:1-5; 4:7-10) What did you learn?
10. Read 14:21-28. How do you know when the mission is complete?