



Acts 14

Something to Start Us Off

- What's the toughest crowd you've ever had to speak to or do something in front of?

Something to Notice

Let's dive into the details of Acts 14—notice the people, places, and actions that drive this chapter!

- What happens during Paul and Barnabas's preaching in Iconium in Acts 14:1-3?
- How do the people in Lystra respond to the healing of a man in 14:8-13?
- What do Paul and Barnabas do after being mistaken for gods in 14:14-18?
- How do the Jews from Antioch and Iconium affect Paul in Lystra in 14:19-20?
- What do Paul and Barnabas tell the churches on their return in 14:21-28?

Something to Learn

Key Insight:

* Acts 14 shows Paul and Barnabas enduring persecution to spread the gospel, strengthening churches; Lystra, where Paul was stoned, was a Roman outpost later linked to Timothy (Acts 16:1).

Discussion Questions:

- How does the opposition in Acts 14:2-5 show challenges to sharing the gospel?
- Why was Paul's response to being worshipped in 14:14-15 important for the faith of his hearers?
- What does Paul's perseverance after being stoned in 14:19-20 reveal about the apostle and/or his mission?
- How does strengthening the churches in 14:21-23 encourage us as believers today? What can we learn from this example?

Something to Take Home

- Paul boldly corrected false worship in Acts 14:15. When and how might you have to clarify God's truth to others?
- Paul and Barnabas strengthened believers in 14:22. Can you think of a possible opportunity you might have for you to encourage a fellow believer?