



Sermon Discussion Guide
Acts
Acts 14:8-23
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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Is there a disconnect between what you believe to be true and how you actually live? How does that play out in your life?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

OPENING THE DOOR (vv. 8-18)

1. How is God redefining his family through Paul's ministry? How does this redefinition shape how we treat people?
2. How have you described people that are vastly different from you this week? Clueless? Stupid? Even evil? What is one practical step we could take to learn how to love people like Paul loves the Lystrans?

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR (vv. 19-23)

1. What do you think Paul means when he says, "...through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God"?
2. How can suffering improve our witness?

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
2. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?