

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Acts 14:8-28
Stubborn Hope

Background

Paul and Barnabas are on their first missionary journey. After being expelled from Pisidian Antioch, they move on to Iconium. They learned of a plot to stone them and fled to Lystra and Derbe.

Digging In

1. **Read Acts 14:8-10.** How was God's power demonstrated in Lystra?
2. How did the crowd respond to the healing of the lame man? (vss. 11-13)
3. How did Barnabas and Paul react to this misguided worship? (vss. 14-18)
4. Were the people persuaded by Paul's preaching? Explain. (vss. 19-20)
5. **Read Acts 14:21-25.** What did Barnabas and Paul do on their return trip to Syrian Antioch?
6. How did this demonstrate courage, commitment and concern?
7. **Read Acts 14:26-28.** Upon arriving back in Syrian Antioch, how did they describe what they had accomplished?
8. How would this perspective have helped them to persevere in the mission they'd been given with humility and hope?
9. The promise of God's presence is given to all of Christ's disciples in Matt 28:18-20. What is the significance of the **context** in which it's given?



Getting Personal

- How are Barnabas and Paul's unwavering commitment to Christ and the gospel seen in this chapter?
- How can their example be a challenge and encouragement to us as we seek to know Christ and make him known?
- How can the promise of God's empowering presence help us persevere in proclaiming the gospel with stubborn hope?