



Background:

Paul and Barnabas are ministering in South Galatia, visiting Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. Iconium was an important intersection on the east-west road. Lystra was about 20 miles from Iconium, and Derbe was a little over sixty miles from Lystra, across unpaved roads.

As was their custom, Paul and crew brought the message to the Jews first in Iconium, and many Jews and Gentiles were saved. Again, the ruling Jews were jealous, and plotted against the team, with intent of stoning them. The team escaped and moved on, performing miracles along the way.



Read Acts 13:52 – 14:10

How would it feel to know that every time you tried to share your faith, some of those listening would be against you? How would you respond?

What do you think about the possibility that miracles still happen? Explain your answer.

Read Acts 14:11-18

Who, in our society, are worshiped as being godlike? Why are they worshiped?

Is there someone you have a tendency to place a bit higher than others (and even God) in your life? What makes you put them in a different category?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

How did the door open for Paul and his team to do effective work for the Kingdom? Have you ever had a door open for you to do Kingdom work? Share your story.

What characteristics do strong Christians possess that allow them to persevere under persecution of the faith? Take time this week to read about the life of one believer who was persecuted for the faith (can be past or present).



Life Change:

The new converts were filled with the Holy Spirit and full of joy. Would you describe your life that way? Why or why not?

Do you feel your faith is strong enough to withstand persecution? Explain your answer.

Are there any parts of these Scriptures that you do not understand?



Getting Out There:

What are some fears that come to mind when you think about sharing the gospel with those around you? Paul and Barnabas received opposition in many forms. Pray for boldness as God presents opportunity for you to share the gospel and take a step of faith to begin sharing with at least one of the three people you wrote down a couple weeks ago. (Teams “out there” this week: MS Pawley’s 2, MS Orlando, HS Kentucky, HS Georgia, HS Honduras)



Family Moments:

Elementary: Read Acts 14:8-10 and John 5:1-9.

What did God, the Father, say to lame men through Jesus (in John) and through Paul (in Acts)? What happened when they heard God’s message? How powerful is God’s Word?

*Pray as a family for people who don’t know Jesus. Ask God to show you people you can invite to church.

Teen: Read Acts 14:11-15.

Paul tells the people to turn from worshipping worthless things and worship the living God. Who were the people trying to worship?

What are some things in our lives that we allow to become more important than the living God at times? How can we, as a family, work together to keep God the most important thing?