

# ACTS 14:1-28

## PRAY

## BACKGROUND

In last week's passage, Paul and Barnabas were sent out on their first missionary journey from their church in Antioch (13:1-4). This was the continued fulfillment of what Jesus said in Acts 1:8, that "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In this case, Paul and Barnabas are taking the gospel to the ends of the Earth.

After preaching the gospel on the island of Cyprus (13:4-12), they traveled to the mainland and made their way to Pisidian Antioch where many Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews) responded favorably to the gospel, to the point where "the word of the Lord spread throughout the whole region" (13:49). But many of the Jewish leaders fiercely opposed them so they continued their mission to the city of Iconium. For more on the geography of their journey, check out the map on the last page.

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## SHARE OBSERVATIONS (Who? What? When? Where? Repeating words, phrases, & themes?)

## QUESTIONS

1. In what ways do you think the gospel presentation in v15-17 is specially tailored to what this crowd needed to hear?
2. After being stoned by his critics, Paul gets back up to continue preaching in the city (v19-20). What do you think motivated his perseverance and in what situations is God calling you to persevere in mission?
3. In v21-22, Paul and Barnabas backtrack to spend time strengthening and encouraging the disciples. What important things does this tell us about the process of making disciples?
4. Luke emphasizes that Paul and Barnabas strengthened and encouraged the disciples to remain true to the faith by telling them, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (v22). What do you think this means and why do you think these disciples needed to hear this?
5. What would it look like to incorporate v22 into the way you disciple people?
6. How can we pray in response to this passage?
7. What are some other ways we can be praying for each other?