



Discussion Questions for *Acts 14* “*Strengthening Our Faith*”
Week of February 7th - 13th, 2010

Warm Up Last week’s wrap up encouraged you to share your faith *one time* over the week. Were you able to do this? Why or why not? What did you learn in the process?

- Read all of **Acts 14** carefully. Pause after each major section to summarize what you just read and point out things that impacted you most.
- On Sunday Pastor George asked everyone to consider the question: “*How am I being strengthened in my faith right now*”? How would you answer this?
- When “**the faith**” is referred to in **Acts 14:22**, it is a technical term used throughout Scripture that encompasses the “basics” or “foundations” of what the gospel of Jesus Christ is all about. (See also, “**the good deposit**” in **2 Tim. 1:14**). If we are to live as disciples of Jesus, then we are called to continue in “**the faith**”. This means that we are to know about, grow in, live in, and eventually die in “**the faith**”. Do you feel equipped to articulate the details of your faith in Jesus Christ? What do you believe are central doctrines (teachings) of the Christian faith that you should be grounded in? Are you? What doctrines seem *NOT* to be central? How do you distinguish between the two?
- As believers, we often *hear* about difficulty and persecution. When we’re not in the midst of hard times, however, the tendency can be to let our guard down. What have you found helps your faith remains strong in good seasons? What steps can you take to ensure that you are prepared at all times, for anything that Satan may throw your way?
- What is Paul and Barnabas’ response to the Lycaonians when they falsely seek to worship them? (see **Acts 14:11-17**). When talking to people who don’t yet know the Bible, how can we learn from Paul in his tactics of evangelism from these verses (see **v.15-17** specifically as well as **Acts 17:22-31**).
- The Biblical writers describe the Bible as: *Honey in my mouth, a lamp for my feet, food which is found and eaten, renewing my mind, a fire that burns in my heart, more precious than gold, true and righteous* etc. Does God’s Word touch your heart in a similar way? Why or why not? How might you grow in your thirst for God’s Truth?

Wrap Up: Close by praying for the *specific* ways in which your faith needs to grow. Break up into group of two if that’s helpful.