

# May 9, 2021 - Rooted - Acts 14

This week we are looking at Acts 14 and representing God.

Read **Acts 14:1-23**

## REPRESENTATION

1. When “the crowd” witnesses this healing, they claim that the gods have come down among them in human form. Why do you think they say this?
2. Are they right, in any way? Why, or why not?
3. How did Paul adapt the gospel message for the people of Lystra? How can we do the same?
4. In what ways does Paul mirror the life, death, and resurrection of Christ in this chapter?
  - Allow time for everyone to really dig into the chapter and see if they can find all of the following:
    - Preached good news with boldness
    - Performed miracles
    - Was threatened by divisive Jewish leaders
    - Snuck away to fight another day
    - Turned people from their understandings to the truth about God and His Kingdom
    - Taken out of the city limits to be murdered
    - “Left for dead”
    - Permanently scarred
    - There is some evidence in Scripture that Paul had an eye problem. He spoke of the large letters he used in writing to the Galatians (Galatians 6:11). He also declared that the Galatians would have plucked out their own eyes and given them to him (Galatians 4:13-15). Many theologians believe that this eye problem was caused in Acts 14 when Paul was stoned and left for dead.
    - Rose and returned to preach, teach, and strengthen his disciples
5. Have you ever encountered someone so extraordinary that you knew they must be from God? Share
6. How did you process and respond to being around that person? Did it cause you to feel discouraged or did it inspire you?

## OPPOSITION

7. Did you notice that the people of Antioch and Iconium went out of their way to oppose Paul and Barnabas? What are some reasons people go out of their way to oppose someone or something?
8. Are any events in today’s world similar in any way? If so, what are they?
9. Have you ever participated in any kind of “opposition?” What did you do, and why?
10. Has anyone ever gone out of their way to oppose you for the sake of Christ? Share. If so, what could that mean? If not, what could that mean?
11. On Paul’s return trip he says that “through many hardships we will enter the kingdom.” What hardships are we likely to go through to enter the kingdom of God and how is being told this strengthening or encouraging?
12. What would it look like to have your whole life described by the Gospel?

## PRAYER

- As was last week, ask the group if there are any prayer requests. Please let everyone know to keep an eye on our website, YouTube channel, or e-newsletter for a follow up to this teaching from PT each week.