
GROUP DISCUSSION

Book of Acts: The Ripple Effect
GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth
Acts 14:8-23, March 5th & March 8th , 2026
Lystra: The Fickle Crowd.

Prayer Requests:

Read Aloud: Acts 14:8-23

1. Why did the crowd interpret the miracle through their pagan legend? What does this reveal about how culture shapes spiritual interpretation? How do people today misinterpret God's work because of their worldview?
2. Why is the crowd so quick to turn on Paul and Barnabas? Why is the gospel foundation necessary for stable faith? Where do you see "fickle crowd" dynamics in culture today?
3. How does this sermon in Lystra vary from the sermon in Acts 13? Why does Paul start with creation? How does Paul's preaching show us effective ways to share the gospel with different audiences?
4. How does suffering refine our faith? If Jesus, the King, suffered, then why wouldn't we? How can we encourage one another in seasons of suffering?