

The Foundation of the Church: "Built with an Open Door"

Acts 14

September 21, 2025

- I. An open door to grace (in Iconium) (1-7)

- II. An open door to life (in Lystra and Derbe) (8-20)
 - A. God is our Healer. (8-10)

 - B. God is our Creator. (11-18)

 - C. God is our Protector. (19-20)

- III. An open door to strength (in Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch) (21-28)

LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. In Acts 14:1-7, the "word of his grace" divided the people in Iconium. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. Why is grace scandalous?
2. In their first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas encounter various kinds of opposition. There are many ways to go wrong. What ways are people lead away from Christ in Acts 14 (and what verses show this)?
3. Do Paul and Barnabas change their strategy from one place to the next? What parts of their method change, and what parts stay the same? What does this mean for our witness?
4. What do we learn about missions from Acts 14:21-28? What matters to Paul and Barnabas in these verses, and how do they evaluate their journey?
5. Read Acts 14:22. Why did Paul say this that "through many trials we must enter the kingdom of God"? What does this teach us about the Christian life?