

## TEXT: Acts 14

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us on Sunday evening from 5p-7p to celebrate 10 years of God's faithfulness to Redeemer Church. There will be food, bounce houses, and fun! All you have to do is show up! See you there!
  - If you're not a member, go from attending to engaging by joining us for The Weekender on October 27 & 29, register at [redeemerchurch.com/events](http://redeemerchurch.com/events).
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**Ice Breaker: What are some things that can be both good and bad?**

**BIG IDEA: Gospel Advancement Produces Redemption and Resistance**

### Quotes

- *"Preach the gospel, die, and be forgotten."* - **Count Zinzendorf**
- **2 Corinthians 11:24-28**  
*"Five times I received the forty lashes minus one from the Jews. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the open sea. On frequent journeys, I faced dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, and dangers among false brothers; toil and hardship, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and without clothing. Not to mention other things, there is the daily pressure on me: my concern for all the churches."*
- *"to overwhelm us with a sense of our own inadequacy and to drive us to cling to Him more closely ... God fills our lives with troubles and perplexities ... to ensure that we shall learn to hold Him fast. The reason why the Bible spends so much of its time reiterating that God is a strong rock, a firm defense, a sure refuge and help for the weak is that God spends so much of His time bringing home to us that we are weak, both mentally and morally, and dare not trust ourselves to find or to follow the right road ... God wants us to feel that our way through life is rough and perplexing, so that we may learn thankfully to lean on Him. Therefore, he takes steps to drive us out of self-confidence to trust in Him, to wait upon the Lord. In light of that we do not despair, we are not without hope, because God is the one on whom we have set our hope."* - **J.I. Packer**
- *"So God-centered and kingdom-focused was the apostle Paul that he seems to have taken no heed of threats made against his life. He did not choose the easier path when the more difficult one included a blessing for the people of God. Here is a lesson for us: to place the needs of the people of God above our own comforts and conveniences."* - **Pastor Derek Thomas**

### Questions

- What do you remember from this week's passage?

### Read v1-3

- What difficulty, pain, hardship, or suffering have you gone through for the advance of the kingdom?
- How can an unbiblical view of miracles be dangerous for us today?

### Read v4-7

- What does it look like to allow the Gospel to be offensive without being offensive?

### Read v8-13

- What are some false cultural narratives we believe that lead to false worship today?

### Read v14-17

- Tony Merida describes some common points of contact.
  - Most people share ...
    - a hunger for love and community,
    - a search for freedom,
    - a need to be rid of guilt and shame,
    - a quest for meaning,
    - a longing for significance,
    - a thirst for satisfaction and joy,
    - an attraction to beauty in creation, and
    - a love for creativity and innovation.
- What are some rhythms we can maintain in order to be constantly reminded that Christ and His Kingdom is the answer to all our longings?

### Read v18-23

- What does it look like for us to place the needs of the people of God above our own comforts and conveniences?

### Read v24-28

- What has God done in your life that you need to share and celebrate with others?