

Connect Group Discussion Guide – 5/14/2023

Acts 14

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvR0S5fB8AzraGYts4eQfg> (Posted on Monday)

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Opening discussion: How can you as a group Find a Need and Meet it this week?

Highlights

- **Wherever we are the church is. You don't go to church, you ARE the church.**
- **Acts 14:1-2** – They started with those they knew – in the synagogue.
- **Acts 14:3** – They stayed for a while, even though they were being poisoned. You don't like us? Well then we'll stay longer. **Tell about a time you weren't liked or appreciated but you felt like you should stay a while longer.**
 - They did signs and wonders – they weren't just talking about it, they did something
 - Why were the people divided? The Gospel is offensive. When Jesus changes your life and you tell someone about it, they don't know what to do with it. It causes question.
 - **Have you ever told someone how Jesus is changing your life (the Gospel) and they didn't receive it well? How did you deal with that?**
- **Acts 14:8-10** This guy NEVER had walked. His body and brain did not know how to. **Think about that! What have you experienced that just did not know how to do?**
 - Notice: the man is listening, Paul saw his faith, Paul moves from talking about the love and power of Jesus to showing it (get up and walk!)
 - How did Paul see the faith in the man? The Holy Spirit can see what a human cannot. With Him living inside you, He gives you the ability. **Tell about a time you could tell – you knew – something about a person, that was humanly impossible to know.**
 - Something deep inside Paul said to stop talking and start doing. **What about you?**
- **Acts 14:11-13** – the people reverted to what they knew – the Greek gods.
 - When you do something outside your own power, you don't become a god, you have God living inside you.
- **Acts 14:15-16** – We are just like you. Not even a little bit above you! Let me tell you about the ONE God who is over ALL creation, not many gods who each have responsibility for a part of creation.
- **Acts 14:17-18** - God let you believe what you wanted to believe, but listen to this testimony about the ONE God: Kindness and provision. **How have you seen God's kindness? How have you seen His provision?**
 - **Verse 18** – we've been doing this since the fall in the garden. **Talk about how you "sacrifice to" or worship gods in your life, even though you know the testimony of God.**
- **Acts 14:19-20** – Paul had a message to share and nothing is going to stop him. **Could you have gone back?**
- **Acts 14:21-22** – Following Jesus was never meant to be easy.
- **Galatians 6:9-10** – let us DO good to ALL PEOPLE. Don't give up doing good to all people because at the proper time there could be a harvest. **What does this look like for you? Who are ALL people in your life?**
 - Out of the overflow of our personal growth, the world should be impacted.
 - Out of the overflow of becoming Everyday Disciples, the world should experience us as Everyday Missionaries.
- Pastor Ben Davis: Shatter Darkness.

- Find a Need. Meet a Need. It's not complicated.
- Your response: Look for a need and do something. **Where are you going to look this week? When are you going to look this week? What are you going to do when you see a need? How can you stay focused on looking for needs?**
- **Acts 14:27-28** – they gathered the church together to report it. **REMEMBER: when you find and meet a need, report it using the app or one of the cards in the pews.**

We multiply the Kingdom when we allow our actions to speak as loud as our words. As He is magnified in us, the world is drawn to Him.

Find a Need and Meet it.