



Discipleship Guide Acts 14

This guide was created to help you engage with the book of Acts and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Acts 14 Questions:

One of the biggest idols today is our emphasis on celebrity culture.

- We can make idols even out of humans! How do you distinguish between the messenger of God and the presence of God?
- Why do you think people will leave their church over politics but not leave their politics for the church? What other idols captivate our imagination?

To be a follower of Jesus is to pay attention to the cost of discipleship.

- Jesus shows us what true life is like: healing others, present in pain, rejection, suffering, death, new life. For us, how can we take away suffering without first entering into it with others? What does presence WITH people look like?
- How can you be honest about your own brokenness so that you might point people to Christ?

God is the love that moves the sun and the stars.

- God enters into the suffering of life with us and invites us to find hope in death that leads to true life. What is one way that you know God's love for you?
- The cost of discipleship is not rooted in you proving your love to God. How can you find rest in knowing that you are loved by the Creator?

For our kids (and adults too!): What does sacrificing for others look like for you?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?