

JESUS CONTINUED

BY THE SPIRIT, THROUGH THE CHURCH, IN THE WORLD

God's Messengers

Acts 14:8-20 (p.923)

God's Messengers...

...are led and empowered by the Spirit

...give all glory to God

- Refusing the glory for themselves

- Pointing to the God who made all things and gives good things

...endure hardship

God's power can overcome the darkest ignorance and the cruelest opposition.

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. Paul and Barnabas refused to take any glory for the healing of the crippled man, but used it as an opportunity to teach the truth. When God blesses our efforts of service or leadership, is there a temptation to accept glory for ourselves? What can go wrong if we take credit and let praise go to our heads? What is the consequence if we put leaders on a pedestal, and boast in them instead of Christ and the Gospel?
3. Read the address to the crowds in Lystra (Acts 14:15-17), and Paul's sermon at the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:16-31). What can we learn from the way Paul tries to engage with people who don't have any shared foundation of biblical truth or belief in a Creator God? How is this similar to many of the people we come into contact with in our secular culture?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?