



Oakwood
CHURCH

March 14 Discussion Questions “Four Fields” Acts 14:1-28

Preview

"Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed." Acts 14:1

Four Practices of a Kingdom Worker:

I. Empty Field

- **Enter** with prayer and care (v. 1, 8)

II. Seeded Field

- **Share** the Gospel (v. 1, 3, 7, 15, 21)

III. Growing Field

- **Train** believers to obey Jesus (v. 1-3)
- Expecting **Opposition** (v. 4-5, 19, 22)

IV. Harvest Field

- **Multiply** disciple-makers to continue the work (v. 22-23)

"When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." Acts 14:21-22

Connect

1. What is another job or career that in another life you would have loved to pursue and perform? Why?
2. Why is the work of a farmer so symbolic of the work of a disciplemaker?

Pray & Read Acts 14:1-28

Discuss

3. Where did Paul and Barnabas first go with the Gospel and why?
4. When we enter a new place with the Gospel, what contributes to it being attractive and effective?
5. What “fields” has God called you to enter? If you don’t have a consistent place among unbelievers, what is a place that seems feasible to you?
6. Share a story about how your prayer and care for unbelievers led to an opportunity to advance the Gospel in their lives.
7. What is relational evangelism? What are its benefits? When does it become obsolete?
8. Do you have a relationship in which now is the time to share the Gospel? How can you do this in a winsome, high-grace, low-risk way?
9. What are your thoughts on “God’s teeter-totter” approach that Pastor Darin shared about? (God’s teeter-totter aims to balance an equal amount of listening and wondering questions in conversation with an unbeliever.) How do you think this approach could lead to an opportunity to share Christ?
10. What happened to Paul and Barnabas in verses 2, 5, and 19? How did they respond each time? What did it lead them to say in v.22?
11. What persecution might you face for boldly sharing Christ? To what degree do you think this hinders you? What encouragement from this passage do we find for continuing in the face of opposition?
12. How is conversion different from discipleship? What did Paul and Barnabas do to demonstrate this difference in v.3? How do we ensure converts are not left where they are?

Apply

13. How does this passage lead you to worship Jesus?
14. How does this passage most call you to respond to Jesus?

Prayer

Spend time thanking God for His work in evangelism. Pray for clear direction in next steps and Holy Spirit boldness to do what we would never normally do in evangelism.

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Please pray we will be strengthened to stand firm and move forward with the Gospel when we face opposition.