

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE FIRST GOSPEL

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Acts 13-14 record the first mission outreach of the Early Church. Now established in Antioch, the Holy Spirit guides them to proclaim the Gospel message in several cities in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). This region included people with little to no background with the God of the Scriptures. We learn from these leaders how we can share the gospel with people in our day who do not know the God we worship.

Read & Discuss Acts 14:8-18.

- When was the last time you talked about your faith with a non-believer? How did it start? End?
- How were the people of this town different from the people from the previous city Paul and Barnabas had visited (Acts 13:26)?
- How is the 'good news' shared here different from the good news shared in the previous city (Acts 14:15-16; Acts 13:32-33)?
- What challenge does Paul give the people gathered around him and Barnabas (Acts 14:15)? (see 1 Samuel 12:21)
- What are some of the 'worthless things' or false gods people look to in our culture today?
- How does Paul describe the true God to those here who have never heard about Him (Acts 14:16)? How does this answer become a model for us in sharing with people who have no faith background in our lives today?
- Are there people in your life today who the Holy Spirit is leading you to move toward today?

Pray Together

Holy Spirit, set me up for the work you have called me to today.