



July 11 and 14

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PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Acts 13 & 14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read both chapters of Acts out loud together. Feel free to take pauses, but as you do, ask what people are noticing, reacting to, wondering etc.
2. Barnabas' name is actually a nickname, his real name is Joseph, but his nickname is "Son of Encouragement." Who has been an encouragement in your life?
3. In Acts, Barnabas' encouragement is beyond, 'sharing a compliment.' He is intentionally deploying Paul into ministry. Has anyone in your life ever spoken affirmation to you about your gifts or what they see in you?
4. Have you ever done it for someone else? How was that?
5. Is there someone God is calling you to deploy?
6. For those who serve already, what could it look like to spend some of your serving time deploying another to serve with you? Finding someone not engaged and inviting them in, or someone not confident?
7. Moving further down the chapter, we see Paul on a roller coaster of having a 'hit' put on him to being worshiped as a god, to being dragged and stoned almost to death. What do you make of this up and down?
8. Paul fled to safety, but he also went back into the city which was dangerous. When do you suffer for the cause and when do you proceed to safety?
9. Paul said, 'we must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.'" What do you think of that? What hardship have you suffered for God's Kingdom?
10. Switching gears, we have given an Unfinished Update this week and last. Do you have any questions you would like passed along? We'd be happy to address them next time we meet. (Send questions to steve@dc2.me)