

Life Together Group Questions
October 4, 2015
Acts 14:21-28

1. When you consider the word “disciple” what comes to mind in relation to Christ? (vs. 21)
2. When Jesus commanded His followers to go and make disciples (Matt. 28:19-20) what did He have in mind? (see Luke 9:23-24) Do we today have a distinction between those who have made a “decision” for Christ and those who are disciples? Is that distinction biblical or healthy? (James 2:14, 18-19)
3. Paul and Barnabas return to the towns of Lystra, Iconium and Antioch-Pisida to strengthen and encourage these young disciples. (vss. 21b-23) What do you think they shared with them to strengthen them?
4. If you had the opportunity to strengthen and encourage a young believer, what would you teach, instruct or share with them that would help them to continue in following Jesus all their days? How important is it that we continue in the faith? (see Col. 1:22-23; Matt 13:3-8, 19-23)
5. Are you prepared or equipped to help a recent believer take the next steps in following Jesus? If not what would it take for you to be prepared to do so?
6. How do you see suffering as part of the process in preparing us to enter the Kingdom of God? (vs. 22) What do the scriptures say? (Matt.5:11-12; Jn.16:33; Rom8:17; 2 Cor. 4:17; Heb. 12:5-11; James 1:2; 1 Peter 1:7)
7. What role have suffering, trials and tribulation played in your own discipleship journey?
8. What do you notice in how Paul & Barnabas went about appointing elders? (vs.23) What were they trusting God to do?
9. How do you find yourself responding to appointed leadership in the church? How do you see God working through fallible men and women in leadership? How do we trust God in that? (Heb. 13:17)
10. God has called some to go out from the local body to make disciples. (see Acts 13:2-3) Paul & Barnabas come back and report all that God did through them. (vss. 26-27) What importance is there in a missionary being sent by a local church body? What is the responsibility of the missionary in relation to the local sending body? What responsibility does the sending body have to the missionary?
11. What connection do you have to the mission of those we have sent and support from BCC?
12. What connection do you have to them relationally? What needs do they have when they come to visit us? Is there some way(s) we could come along side in caring and supporting our missionaries? What is one thing we could do as a LTG?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- Evangelization Starts Discipleship (vss. 21a, 24-25)
- Edification Builds Discipleship (vss. 21b-23)
- Congregation Celebrates Discipleship (vss. 26-27)

➤ Communion Revitalizes Discipleship (vss. 28)