

# Deck Discussion Questions

Striving to Know God and His People Better

2. Where do we find the characteristic of humility highlighted in Paul and Barnabas' ministry in Acts 14? Why is humility such an important trait to have if we want to make a difference with our lives?
3. When you read about what happened to Paul and how he reacted in Acts 14:19-21, what characteristics does Paul model for those of us who follow Jesus?

## Influencing Our World

The last two weeks we have been learning from the first missionary journey in Acts 13-14 about what it takes to influence people and please God.

- What is something God wants you to do more of to have a greater impact on the lives around you?
- Who has God placed on your heart to reach out to more in the next few days with His love and message?

## Deepening Our Hearts for God

1. How does Paul react when others attempt to praise him in Acts 14:3, 11-15? How did this compare to Herod's actions in Acts 12:15-24?
2. Read Romans 12:1-2. God is the one who can transform lives. What can you do this week to get a little closer to Him?

**Looking Ahead:** Read Acts 15. What did the early church do in this chapter that demonstrated grace and unity?



**Coming Together:** In the work that you do or did most often in your adult years, what were the characteristics that made people successful? What are/were the most difficult aspects of the job?

## Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Acts 14:1-7. What stands out to you about this leg of Paul and Barnabas' missionary journey?
2. When they arrived in Iconium, where did Paul and Barnabas first go to share the gospel? Why do you think they went there first?
3. How did people react to the spreading of the gospel according to Acts 14:4? What did Paul and Barnabas do in light of the people's mixed reactions?
4. In Acts 14:8-19, what was the ministry of Paul and Barnabas like in Lystra and Derbe?
5. Read Acts 14:21-25, what kind of leadership skills and decisions do Paul and Barnabas make to help grow the church?

## Unwrapping God's Principles

1. What are spiritual gifts, and what do 1 Peter 4:10 and Romans 12:6-8 teach us about their importance and use?