
AMEN Bible Study 2025

Acts: Making Jesus Known

“The Gospel Method”

Acts 14
January 30, 2025

Scripture Introduction

- I. To the Religious (vv.1-7)
 - A. Preach the Gospel of Grace (v. 1; Gal. 3:8-13; Matt. 11:28-30)
 - B. Expect Opposition (vv.2, 4; Luke 12:51-53; I Cor. 1:23)
 - C. Stand Firm (vv.3, 6-7; Gal. 2:20; II Tim. 1:14)
 - a. By Guarding the Good Deposit
 - b. By Trusting the Lord
 - c. By Following the Spirit
- II. To the Irreligious (vv.8-21a)
 - A. Love the Needy (vv.8-10; Matt. 4:23; 9:35-38; Acts 3,6)
 - B. Identify the Idols (vv.11-15)
 - C. Show Them Jesus (v.11)
- III. To the Church (vv.21b-28)
 - A. They Encouraged (v.21b-22)
 - B. They Discipled (vv.22, 3)
 - C. They Appointed Leaders (v. 23)
 - D. They Gave Testimony (vv.26-28)

AMEN Action Steps

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HEAR the Word

"Open my eyes, that I might behold wonderful things out of your law."

-Proverbs 119:18

1. Read vv.1-7. Paul and Barnabas received strong opposition to the Gospel. Why do you think Paul and Barnabas remained in Iconium a long time? Similarly, why did Paul and Barnabas go back through several of the cities where they had faced severe persecution (vv.21-22)?
2. How does Paul's sermon to the religious people in 13:16-41 differ from his sermon to the irreligious people in 14:8-18? What do those differences teach us about making gospel presentations?

PRACTICE the Word

"...Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

-Matthew 7:24

1. Luke lists several ways Paul and Barnabas conducted Gospel ministry towards the people of God in verse 21b-28. In what ways can you take those same steps towards ministering to the men at your table this week?
2. Paul knew he was called to love the needy. But what led him to serve the lame man was that he had eyes to see him in the first place. How might we cultivate eyes to see the needy around us?
3. How might you and your table serve the needy together this semester?

RETELL the Word

"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you..."

-Mark 5:19

1. This week, try to create a gospel presentation for a religious person and an irreligious person. Be sure to ask for input from your table.
2. Pray to the "Lord of the harvest" that He might give you the opportunity to share the Gospel with someone this week.
3. If the Lord has "opened a door" (v.27) in your ministry recently, share that with your table! All for God's glory.