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## ***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***

August 21, 2016

What Matters Most: Building Up The Soul

Text: Acts 14:19-28

1. What will last forever (God and the soul of man)? So, what should be the most important thing we are about? Read 1 Timothy 4.8. Our world and culture gets wrapped up in externals, but God is most concerned about what?
2. The work of the soul was Paul and Barnabas' focus too. What were they willing to go through for the sake of winning souls to Jesus (14.19-21)? Read Acts 21.13. What was Paul willing to lose for the sake of Christ and souls coming to know Jesus?
3. What was the focus of Paul and Barnabas coming back to Lystra (14.22-23)? What are three things mentioned in the sermon to help strengthen our souls and encourage us to continue in the faith (use these verses to help answer: Psalm 119.28; Romans 12.12; 1 Thessalonians 5.11)? What has God given the local church to give watchful care over their souls? Read Hebrews 13.17 and discuss what this means.
4. What can zap our souls of a passion for Christ and weaken our faith (name all that you can think of)? What does Paul mention in Acts 14.22 that can knock us out of the fight of faith and lead us to want to throw in the towel? Jesus speaks to the tribulations we will face in John 16.33 and He gives us hope in saying what? According to Revelation 2.7, 11, 17; 3.5, 12, 21 what are we to be as believers as we following in the path of The Great Overcomer Jesus?
5. As Paul and Barnabas head back to Antioch, the church who sent them on this first missionary journey, what do they say about this soul winning mission they have been on that points to the initiating work of God in salvation? Let's us look for those open doors of faith through the day as we engage people at work, at school and in our neighborhood.

**Pray.**