



Session 2: Misguided Worship  
Suggested Week of Use: December 10, 2017  
Core Passages: Acts 14:8-20

### **News Story Summary**

In March of 2017, Gallup conducted a survey of regular church attenders asking them to rate seven reasons for continuing to attend a church service. The responses were ranked in the following order: sermons or talks that taught Scripture, sermons or lectures that connected religion to their life, programs geared toward children and teenagers, community outreach and volunteer opportunities, interesting and inspiring religious leaders, social activities that built relationships, music provided.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase “reasons people attend church.”)

### **Focus Attention**

To supplement the discussion about why people attend a worship service, share the news story after allowing the group to share their reasons. Lead group members to agree or disagree with the order in which the factors were ranked in the survey. Complete the Focus Attention step as described.

### **Summarize and Challenge**

To supplement the Apply idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the news article, noting that more than half of the responders pointed to the religious leader as being a major factor in why they attended a worship. Ask: *What do you think Paul would say about the findings of the survey?*