

Small Group Study - Participant Guide

Through Many Tribulations

Acts 14

Main Theme

Following Jesus with perseverance, even when the mission is hard.

Discussion Questions

Bold Witness in a Divided City

Read Acts 14:1–7

1. What response do we see to the gospel in verse 1?
2. According to verses 2–3, how did Paul and Barnabas respond to opposition?
3. What stands out to you about how the city was divided?

Misunderstood but Faithful in Witness

Read Acts 14:8–18

1. What do verses 8–10 show about God's power at work through the apostles?
2. How does the crowd respond in verses 11–13?
3. What do Paul and Barnabas say about God in verses 14–17?

From Praise to Persecution

Read Acts 14:19–20

1. What does verse 19 reveal about how quickly crowds can be swayed?
2. What is surprising or challenging about Paul's response in verse 20?

Strengthening Disciples & Appointing Elders

Read Acts 14:21–23

1. What actions do Paul and Barnabas take in verses 21–22?
2. According to verse 22, what do they teach the new disciples about following Jesus?
3. What does verse 23 say about how they establish churches?

Reporting What God Has Done

Read Acts 14:24–28

1. Who do Paul and Barnabas report to, and why is that important (v.26–27)?
2. What do they emphasize in their report?
3. How does verse 27 reflect their view of ministry success?



Application Questions

1. Where do you need to be more faithful to speak the truth, even when it's unpopular or opposed?
2. How can you be more intentional this week to point people to God rather than yourself — in success, leadership, or influence?
3. When has faithfulness to Jesus cost you something? How did you respond?
4. How are you helping others grow strong in the faith — and who is doing that for you?
5. What is one way you can give God credit this week for something He has done in your life or through you?

Living It Out – Reflection Questions

1. Where do you feel most tempted to quit or stay quiet in your faith?
2. What does it look like to “strengthen the souls of the disciples” in your context?
3. How does this chapter reshape your view of hardship in the Christian life?

Closing Prayer

Thank God for His work through ordinary people.

Pray for strength to persevere in hard places.

Ask God to use the group to encourage and strengthen one another.

