



Speaking About Jesus

Acts 14:19-28 - Sermon Study Guide

Read: Acts 14:19-28

Take time to read the passage and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in understanding

Observe: What Do I See in This Text?

- What do you notice in the passage?
- What details stand out to you
- What happens to Paul? Does this experienced have relevance as he carries on in his journey?
- What does Paul do as he makes his way back to Antioch?

From the sermon:
“When people respond to the gospel, our priority is that they are strengthened, shepherded, and shared about.”

Interpret: What Does This Text Mean?

- Paul is presumed death after a stoning in this passage. What impact does this have on his ministry?
- There are a number of key words in this passage:

strengthen	tribulation	prayer	commended
encourage	elders	fasting	declared
- What do these words mean for our own discipleship and the discipleship of others?
- What does it mean when we see Paul return to those cities who responded to the gospel?
- What does this mean for the way we approach evangelism or relationships with other people who have responded to the gospel?
- What does is mean for any Christian to process the phrase “through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God” (Acts 12:22)?
- What does is mean for Paul to make an effort to appoint elders in each church?

Apply: What Difference Does This Text Make to My Life?

- Are there people in your life who have responded or are responding to the gospel?
- How can you help strengthen them? How can you help people to continue in the faith?
- What do you think about elders in the church? What does this mean for the ways you respond to leadership in our church? What standard does this place on our elders?
- Do you have a story of strengthened faith that you could share with the church? Please share this with the church staff or elders so we can share this with the church.

Pray: How can God help me live out these words?
