

THE LYCAONIAN EVENT

Acts 14:8-22

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

HOW DO YOU BRING THE GOSPEL TO A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY WITH NO BIBLICAL FOUNDATION?

1. LOVE THE NEEDY
2. IDENTIFY THE IDOLS
3. ENDURE THE TROUBLE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. The first way that you bring the gospel to a pluralistic society with no biblical foundation is to care for the needy. Who are the "needy" in our culture? What are some specific ways that you can help the needy like Paul did in Lystra in Acts 14?
3. The gospel doesn't change. However, one thing that we see in the book of Acts and all through the New Testament is that the gospel can be presented in many different ways. What are some of the different ways you've heard the gospel presented? How was it presented when it first got your attention?
4. What are some of the different types of "idols" in our culture? After naming a few, discuss some ways the gospel could address each specific idol.
5. Pastor Ryan talked about how all cultures have their legends or stories that reflect the gospel in some way. We can see it in the way these stories glorify heroes who are willing to sacrifice themselves to save others, they point to the redeeming power of love and they hope for a future where everything is restored. What are some examples of stories in our culture that reflect the gospel?
6. What is something from this week's message that you'd like to learn more about or apply in your life? What is your plan to make that happen?
7. OPEN DISCUSSION TOPIC: Spend some time as a group discussing the culture we live in and the different challenges you've faced when talking to people about your faith. You could also talk about the different types of people in our culture (since we aren't all the same) and how the gospel can be clearly presented to people of different backgrounds, worldviews, etc.