

Journey Group Study Guide

Changing Channels: How To Walk Through Open Doors

Acts 13 & 14

For the week of October 11, 2009

Warming Up

What was the last conflict you had and what was the outcome?

Have you been persecuted for your faith? Explain.

In Full Stride

Read Acts 13:1-3

What was the scene when the Holy Spirit spoke to the leaders at Antioch?

Read Acts 13:14-16; 26-33

What is significant about Paul's audience?

What does Paul tell his listeners?

Read Acts 13:42-48

What emotions are created by this sermon in the various groups of people?

Why is there such a variety of reactions and responses?

Read Acts 14:1-7

How does Paul and Barnabas' experience in Iconium differ from their experience in Antioch, and how is it similar?

What is the purpose of signs and wonders here?

What was the plot to stop the message of Jesus?

Why did the message continue to spread, even with the doors closed to the gospel?

For The Road

Read Mathew 5:14-16

What challenges do you face when it comes to being a light in a dark world?

Read Colossians 4:2-6 & Philippians 2:14-15

What practical things can you do that will help others see the light of Jesus in you?

Read I Peter 3:13-17

When you follow God, conflict with others will happen. How should we respond to those who start the conflict?

How do you know when to avoid the temptation to argue with someone over faith discussions?

Read Matthew 10:16-20

What instructions did Jesus give to his followers about what they would experience when they followed Him?

How do these instructions apply to us in 2009?

What door has God closed to you in the past, that you were trying to go through and what was the result?

Why does talking about Jesus, the Bible, or religion usually bring about arguments?

Can you be a follower of Jesus and remain "neutral" when it comes to opportunities to share your faith? Explain.

Read II Timothy 2:14-15 & II Timothy 3:16-17

How do these verses tell us to act when dealing with others?

Extra Mile

Re-read Acts 13 & 14 each day this week and write down what God impresses upon your heart after each reading as it relates to hearing God speak.

List those people who have given you opposition because of your faith, and pray for them every day this week that they might see the light of Jesus in you and other believers they come into contact with.