

Acts Chapter 14 – Expect the unexpected 08/31/2025 Reflection Questions

- 1. The statement was made that "God doesn't only call the qualified but He qualifies the called." What are some examples in Scripture where God chose someone who didn't seem qualified, but then equipped them for His purpose?
- 2. Why do you think people often focus on their own inadequacies when God calls them to a task? How does stepping into God's call help a believer grow into the person God intends them to be, even if they don't feel ready at first?
- 3. In what areas of your life do you feel "unqualified," and how might God be preparing or equipping you right now?
- 4. In Acts 14:9, Paul saw that the lame man had faith to be healed. Do you think Paul's perception was through mere human observation or Spirit-led discernment of both?
- 5. Regarding Acts 14:11, how do signs and wonders confirm the message of the good news? What role do you think miracles play in helping or hindering people's faith?
- 6. Why did the crowds mistake Paul and Barnabas for gods and what does this tell us about human tendency to idolize people?
- 7. How should Christians respond when people give them too much credit and how can leaders today avoid being treated as celebrities or idols?
- 8. Why did Jews from Antioch and Iconium travel for several days to oppose Paul? What does this show about the intensity of spiritual opposition?
- 9. How do we reconcile God's protection over our lives while realizing Paul might have been severely injured by the stoning?

- 10. In Acts 14:20, Paul and Barnabas decide to leave the city. How can we discern when to stay in a difficult situation and when to leave?
- 11. Why did they teach in Acts 14:22 that "through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God"? How does this challenge modern ideas of an easy Christianity?