

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever been fooled by a fake? How did you discover it?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Acts 14:1-2. Paul and Barnabas spoke “so effectively” many believed. What went wrong (see Gal 6:12)?
3. What is obscurantism? Why does it result in a false gospel?
4. Read Acts 14:3. How did P&B try to correct the false teaching? How did the Lord confirm their teaching?
5. Read Acts 14:8-18. Why were P&B slow to pick up on what the crowd was doing?
6. Why wouldn't P&B let the crowd do their worship ritual and correct them later?
7. What is syncretism? Why does it result in a false gospel?
8. Verses 15-17 is Paul's message to a Gentile audience. How does it differ from his sermon to a Jewish audience in 13:16-41?
9. Paul was stoned in v.19. Why do you think he went back into the city?
10. Read v.23. In what 3 ways did Paul safeguard the Gospel?

LIVING IT OUT

11. What examples of obscuring or mixing the Gospel can you name?
12. What lessons can you discern from God opening the door to Gentiles (v.27) yet seeing the difficulties P&B encountered?
13. Why did P&B report all that God had done to the Antioch church? What effect does such reporting have on a church?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“...God...had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

- Acts 14:27 NIV

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