

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 14:1-7

Marks of a Faithful Disciple

Getting Started

How would you define the word *perseverance*?

Background

Paul and Barnabas are on their first missionary journey. After fruitful preaching in Pisidian Antioch, they were expelled from that city. They moved on to Iconium, 90 miles to the southeast.

Digging In

1. **Read Acts 14:1-7.** Write a brief summary of this passage.
2. What was the **initial** response to their preaching (vss. 1-2)?
3. In what way was the apostles' response to opposition counterintuitive? (v. 3)
4. How did God validate their ministry? (v. 3)
5. What finally led to the apostles leaving Iconium? (vss. 4-7)
6. What evidence do you see in this passage of the apostles' **courage** and **perseverance**?
7. What evidence do you see of **prudence**?
8. How is the **message** they preached described? (vss. 3 and 7)



Getting Personal

- What does it look like to show **perseverance** in sharing the gospel today?
- How should we also show **prudence**?
- Christians are sometimes criticized for being evangelistic. How can we respond to such criticisms in a way that's consistent with 1 Peter 3:15-16?
- How can it encourage and strengthen us to remember that the message we share is **good news** – that it's the **message of his grace**?