

The Word Proclaimed
Text: Acts 14:8-18
January 4, 2025

Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what? c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Faithful proclamation of God's Word...

Point 1: _____ the _____ of it (vv. 8-10)

Question: Only the Gospel has the power to save. Will you trust in the message? Sermon Notes....

Question #3

- a) **Rd vv. 8-10:** Why is trusting in the living and active, all-powerful Word of God absolutely essential if we are to boldly declare the gospel in each situation? What happens if we don't (**Hint:** Romans 10:14-15, 17)
- b) As we launch into 2025, who are 5 people the Lord has sovereignly placed around you to share the gospel with? Spend time praying for your list with the group.

Faithful proclamation of God's Word...

Point 2: _____ no _____ - _____ from it (vv. 11-15a)

Question: Only God deserves the glory, so we must preaching for His glory alone. Whose glory will you seek?

Sermon Notes...

Question #4

- a) **Rd. vv. 11-15a:** How do Paul and Barnabas respond when they realize that the people at Lystra are preparing to worship them?
- b) What does the response of Paul and Barnabas indicate about their character? c) When are you most tempted to seek the glory of self over the glory of God as you serve Him? d) Spend time in prayer as a group repenting of these things and asking the Lord for a deepening humility and love for Him over yourself as you serve Him.

Faithful proclamation of God's Word...

Point 3: _____ the _____ of it (vv. 15b-18)

Question: All roads must lead to the gospel. Do you know your audience to get there? Sermon Notes...

Question #5

- a) **Rd. vv. 15b-18:** What are some ways in our witness that we can get to know others whom God has put around us?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 14:8-18...**

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are...
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of seeking self-glory over Your glory when...
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for the Holy Spirit who _____ my witness. d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask for...

Memory Verse:

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"-Romans 10:14