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**How It Changes Everything!**

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### **Acts 14** “Sharing Your Faith”

Once you’ve tasted the goodness of God you’ll want everyone you care about to know it! Why do so many Christians struggle in sharing their faith? Spiritual lethargy, fear of man, or don’t know how, etc.

#### **Verses 1-7**

- ☐ Unbelief is not devoid of belief but an alternate belief system. V2a (Col.2:3-4, 8; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:14)
- ☐ People often reject/defect from Christianity not because of defensible arguments but dogmatic assertions. V2b (Gen. 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:4; 11:3)
- ☐ Evangelism is a process of helping people move closer to Christ through multiple exposures to the Gospel. V3a (1 Cor. 3:6; 2Cor10:5)
- ☐ The Gospel involves both word (grace) and deed. V3b (Book of Acts)
- ☐ Don’t argue with resistant people. Doubt will ask honest questions but unbelief refuses to hear the answers. vv5-6 (Col. 4:5-6)

#### **Verses 8-20**

**What:** We are sinners saved by Christ’s works & not our works. (John 3:16)

**Why:** Because it’s head sound (credible) & heart satisfying (relevant). (1John1:1-4; 2Pet1:16)

**How to receive it:** Turn from these vain things (false gods) to the living God. v15 (Acts 2:38, 3:19; Ex20)

**How to share it:** Humility, Hope, & Courage (1Pet.3:15)

#### **Verses 21-23** New Believers (Disciples) Follow-up:

- ☐ Grow in your passion for Christ. V22a (Col. 3:23)
- ☐ Grow in your knowledge of the truth. V22b (1Tim4:6; 2Tim. 4:2-4)
- ☐ Be prepared for suffering. V22c (James 1:2-4; Rom5:3-5)
- ☐ Leaders who will care for you. V23 (Heb. 13:17; 1Tim3; Titus1; 1Pet5)

#### **Verses 24-28**

- ☐ Support & accountability isn’t a luxury but a necessity not just to survive but to thrive in the Christian life. (Heb3:12-13,10:24-25)



# Growing

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- 1)** Why do you think it is not only important to know “what” you believe as a Christian but also “why” you believe “what” you believe? Why do you think so many Christians struggle in sharing their faith? (Spiritual lethargy, fear of man, don’t know how, etc.)
- 2)** Read Acts 14:1-7. Unbelief is not devoid of belief but an alternate belief system (V2a Unbelieving Jews). Explain. Why is it inconsistent to require more justification for Christian belief than for your own if it’s not Christianity? How do these verses relate to the fact that everyone is converted to something? (Col.2:3-4, 8; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:14)
- 3)** Do you think it was defensible arguments or dogmatic assertions that turned the crowd against them (v2)? What is the difference (Gen 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:4; 11:3)? Evangelism is a process of what (1 Cor. 3:6; 2Cor10:5)? Why is the Gospel both word and deed (v3b) and why is it important not to argue with resistant people (Col4:5-6)?
- 4)** Read Acts 14:8-20. What is the “What” and the “Why” of the Gospel? How do you receive it? Why is the context of sharing the Gospel just as important if not more as the content (1Pet3:15)? What three characteristics should shape your motive & attitude?
- 5)** Read Acts 14:21-28. What and how important is “New Believer” follow-up? Why is support & accountability not a luxury but a necessity not only to survive but to thrive in the Christian life (evangelism being a part of that)? Pray DB will make disciples.