



*These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.*

### **MESSAGE OVERVIEW**

The first century church was incredibly committed to fulfilling the mission God had given them. That becomes clear in Acts 14 when Paul is stoned in Derbe. After being dragged outside the city and left for dead, Paul gets up and goes back into the city. It's a remarkable example of the early church carrying out God's mission.

### **ICE BREAKER**

What's the greatest level of commitment you've seen someone display, regardless of the situation?

### **READ ACTS 14:8-20**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

How does this passage challenge you?

How does Paul's commitment to carry out the mission of God compare to your commitment to carry out the mission of God?

If you were asked, "What kind of church do you want UCC to be," how would you answer?

The New Testament church's distinctive characteristic was their commitment to a mission. How can we make the same commitment our distinctive characteristic as a church?

### **APPLICATION**

What is God saying to you through this passage?

In light of what you've heard, how are you going to be different in the future?