

Potential Discussion Questions

Message 2019-11-3, Courage to Follow, Grace to Stand, pt 1 (Ac 13,4-12)

1. Share a time when exercised courage.
2. Share your response to the quote by John Wesley: "Give me a hundred men who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I will shake the world. I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; and such alone will overthrow the kingdom of Satan and build up the Kingdom of God on earth."
3. How do you see sharing the gospel as a spiritual battle? How do you engage the "fight" (or not)? How does keeping this in mind help and encourage us as gospel proclaimers?
4. What other passages in Scripture expand our understanding that deceived people don't always want out of their deception? What insight do they add to this principle? How is this consistent with the nature of Satan?
5. Share at least one way you see God has prepared you for your life and service? Are you actively putting that preparation to use? Why or why not?
6. Read slowly through v 10. What stands out to you in Paul's description of Elymas? How does it help you to realize that this also characterizes many unbelievers around us?
7. What else stands out to you in this passage that you would like to explore further?
8. How will you allow this passage to catalyze spiritual growth/change in you?
9. Share a specific prayer request related to this study and then pray for these together.