

Small Group Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth.*
Acts 14:8-28

Opening Question: Discuss the importance of godly leadership in the church. Share good or bad examples and open by praying for the church leaders in Jesus Christ.

1. Godly Leadership: Servants and communicators (14:8-18)

- Paul healed a man who was crippled from birth. Talk through the idea of his response to healing, what does Luke say? Also, discuss that there were no lessons to learn to walk, what does this teach us about miracles?
- Discuss the difference between respect and reverence towards our leadership. Examine respect according to 1 Tim. 5:17-19 and reverence according to Hebrews 12: 28-29.
- Discuss how Paul avoided the “cult of personality” and keep people focused on God and not himself?
- How did Paul communicate the gospel? How did he speak a powerful truth in love?

2. Godly leadership: Determined and forward thinking. (Acts 14:19-23)

- Discuss the importance of doing the right hard thing?
- Discuss the various ways the text reveals the determination of Paul and Barnabas. What can we learn from this? How can we apply this to our own lives?
- How was Paul forward thinking? What does this teach us about the need for godly leadership and creating legacy?

3. Godly leadership: faithful to finish and the ability to create a culture of praise. (Acts 14:24-28)

- How did Paul & Barnabas fulfill Acts 1:8? How can we?
- How can we create a culture where our leaders are faithful to finish? How can we personally make sure we create a Christian life that finishes strong?
- How did Paul and Barnabas create a culture of praise? How can we do the same? Who and what do we celebrate?