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Study Questions
The Unstoppable Church
Unstoppable Missionaries
Acts 14:1-28
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Opening Discussion

1. The Unstoppable Church is made up of unstoppable missionaries. We are missionaries to the marketplace, schools, foreign countries, etc. What do you think of when you think of an unstoppable missionary?
2. What should you expect from others if you are going to take seriously our call to be witnesses to the unbelievers around us?
3. Does the Gospel unite or divide?

Bible Study

1. Read Acts 14:1-28. This text is really the completion of Acts 13. In other words, Acts 13-14 are one unit of thought. What was the central theme of Acts 13?
2. Summarize what transpired in Iconium.

What do we learn from this story?

What should we expect when we proclaim the truth of God's grace?

3. Compare Paul and Barnabas' reaction to the claim of the crowds that they (Paul and Barnabas) were gods with Herod's reaction in Acts 12. (Also remember Peter's reaction in Acts 10.) The enemy will do whatever he can to render us ineffective in our mission. If he cannot intimidate us into not proclaiming the message, he can fill us with pride and render us ineffective. What practical things can you do to avoid being filled with pride when God uses you as His instrument to accomplish something great for Him?

In what way is pride in conflict with a message of grace?

4. Why does Luke not dwell on Paul's stoning and miraculous healing by not giving us any details?

What does Luke want the readers to focus on in this text?

5. The Church in Antioch celebrated the return of their missionaries after a successful mission. What did John Mark miss by returning home early?

What do we miss when we fail to have the courage to fulfill the mission we have been given?

Can you really know the joy of victory without the courage to engage in the battle?

Application

1. What words would you use to describe the attitude necessary for anyone to be effective in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus to unbelievers?
2. List five things from this text that you can expect if you're going to take your calling to be a missionary for Jesus seriously. (These can be positive or negative.)
3. Who specifically are you going to invite to Easter and the four follow-up weeks? Be prayerfully considering who God would have you invite. Remember, there are invitations available to distribute to those you believe God would have you invite this Easter.

Note: This is the last lesson on Acts until September. Because of the emphasis on prayer in the book of Acts and at LBC this year, we're making available a six part LifeGroup study entitled *Jesus on Prayer*. If you are not in a LifeGroup, this study would also be good for family devotions. These lessons can be emailed to you, or you can pick them up from the Publication Center in the foyer. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please email marmstrong@lincolnberean.org making this request.