

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **September 8, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes). Please read the sermon passage (Acts 14:1-7) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Acts 14:1-7)

1. Grace unifies unique and diverse groups in the Gospel. In our passage today, Jews and Gentiles are united under grace. How has the Gospel removed divisions between you and people of other races? Other income brackets? Other educational backgrounds? How do divisions creep in when we lose our focus on the Gospel?
2. When the Gospel goes forth and brings unity to God's people, it also unifies his enemies against him, and can cause resistance from them. How has resistance to the Gospel emboldened your witness? At work? In the neighborhood? In your other spheres of influence?
3. How can we be praying for those you desire to reach with the Gospel?
4. Sometimes opposition to the Gospel becomes persecution. Respond to the statement that Pastor Gary quoted, "The church is an anvil that has worn out many a hammer." (Beza) We don't look for persecution, but we must be prepared for it, and expect it.
5. Throughout history, persecution has spread the gospel in many ways. How have attacks that the enemy has meant for evil been used in your life for good, especially in the area of seeing the Gospel spread? (Example: unjust firing at one job provides opportunity for the Gospel in a new work setting.)