

Group/Individual Study

Series: "Bless this Home" - Mexico Recap

Passages: Acts 14:21-28

REFLECT on the report and testimonies heard Sunday, 4/23

1. Read Acts 14:21-28. What do you think the impact was on the church in Antioch to hear how God had moved through the ministry of Paul and Barnabas during their missionary journey? What kind of "ownership" of that mission do you think the Antioch church had, given that they as a church had discerned that it was God's will to set Paul and Barnabas aside for this work?
2. If you were in church on Sunday, what was the most impacting part of the report and testimonies for you?
3. Why do you think hearing stories of God's work in other people's lives inspires us? How does hearing of their struggles inspire us? How does hearing about the ways God met them inspire us?
4. It's been said, "Someone with a story is never at a disadvantage to someone with an argument." Why is it harder for people outside the faith to challenge a personal story than it is for them to challenge theological views and statements?
5. What are the practices, relationships, or experiences that fuel your spiritual passion for God? How can you steer into these things in a more intentional way? If you have family, how can you help your spouse/ kids do the same?
6. We not only are inspired by the stories of others, but we also each have a story of our own to tell.
  - a. Have you ever experienced a time when telling of how God has moved in your life has encouraged someone else? Describe it.
  - b. Are you able to put your "God story" into words? That is, can you put into words what your life was like before Jesus, how He came into your life, and what a difference he's made? If not, here's a challenge: work on putting your story down on a sheet of paper and tell it to someone else. You may be shocked to find that your story has power - just like the ones that have inspired you on the lips of others.