
An Open Door...Now What?

Acts 13 & 14

LESSONS FROM THE PROS!

If we are truly following God, then:

We are all called to _____.
Acts 13:1-3, 47, Matthew 5:14-16, Colossians 4:2-6, Philippians 2:14-15

Create _____, not _____.
Acts 13:5, 14-15, 42, 14:1, 9, 1 Peter 3:15-16

We should expect _____.
Acts 13:8, 45, 50, 14:5, 19, Romans 8:17

Rejection may be a sign of _____, not _____.
Acts 14:22-26, Matthew 10:17-42, 1 Corinthians 16:8-9

Don't _____ a door that God hasn't _____.
Acts 13:51, 14:5-6, 20, Matthew 10:5-16, Matthew 7:6

HOW IT APPLIES TO US:

1. Pray for _____.
Acts 13:1-3, Colossians 4:2-6
2. Realize that people need _____ not _____.
Acts 14:15-17, 1 Peter 3:15-16, 2 Timothy 2:14-15
3. Start with where _____, not with what _____.
Acts 14:15-17, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Mark 4:33

Home Fellowship Questions

1. When you think of the words “witnessing,” “evangelism” or “evangelist,” what positive and negative words, images or stories come to mind?

2. Can you think of any ways you (or someone you know) have suffered rejection or opposition for being a Christian or talking about your faith?

3. What was your response to what Chris shared about “shaking the dust off our feet” when it comes to dealing with people who are closed to the Gospel?

4. One of Paul’s strong motivations for what he was willing to endure was his understanding that people are spiritually lost without Christ. In Luke 15:1-10, Jesus tells two stories which give us some perspective on how God views people who are spiritually lost.

What similarities do you see in these stories?

What lessons do these stories teach us about spiritually lost people and God’s attitude towards them?

What do Luke 19:10 and 2 Peter 3:9 add to your understanding of how God wants us to view spiritually lost people?

5. Colossians 4:2-6 does a good job of summing up our role in the calling to be light that Chris talked about. Read the passage and list any specific guidelines or tips that could help us be more effective in sharing the Gospel with people.

Paul asked the Colossians to pray for an open door for the Gospel. How aware do you tend to be in recognizing a potential open door?

Often we think that the only way to capitalize on an open door is to share the Gospel with someone. Can you think of any other ways you might take advantage of an open door besides sharing the Gospel?

6. In your current circle of relationships, who would you most like to see take a step closer to Jesus (perhaps the person whose initials you put on the rock at the tent meetings)? Is there anything you could do or say that might help that happen?

Spend some time praying for these specific people and God’s work in their lives.