

## **FOLLOW-UP**

### **ACTS 14:21-28**

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: “Within a decade of the crucifixion of Jesus, the village culture of Palestine had been left behind and the Greco-Roman cities became the dominant environment of the Christian movement.... At least forty different cities are named in Acts.” Warren W. Wiersbe, Be Daring, p. 9.

***FOR STRENGTHENING AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ENDURE HARDSHIP.*** (Acts 14:21, 22, fn 14:21, 22, I Peter 5:6-11, fn 5:10, II Timothy 3:10-17, fn 3:12, Ephesians 6:10-20, fn 6:10-17) *How is your faith strengthened by your team?*

***FOR ORGANIZING THE CHURCH.*** “The local church is both an organism and an organization, for if an organism is not organized it will die.” Warren W. Wiersbe, Be Daring, p.19. “The word translated *ordained* (KJV) means to elect by a show of hands.” Wiersbe, p. 19. (Acts 14:23, fn 14:23, Ephesians 4:11-16, fn 4:12, 13, Titus 1:5-9, fn 1:5[3<sup>rd</sup>]) *What role does the Holy Spirit have in a Christian organization?*

***FOR REPORTING.*** The tremendous success of the Apostles’ first missionary journey was evidence that God had opened wide the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:24-28, Acts 11:15-21, fn 11:19-21, Acts 1:8, fn 1:8[2<sup>nd</sup>], Romans 4:13-18, fn 4:17) *What steps need to be taken for your group to duplicate itself?*

***Pray for one another’s needs.***

***Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?***

