

4Ws Be The Church, Know God | Acts 14:1-20

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 119:81-96** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Have you ever been in a situation where things just got more and more confusing? What happened to cause the confusion and what did you do to clear things up?

WORD

Discussion Questions.

1. Spiritual ignorance/illiteracy has long been a challenge in the Christian community. Identify the cause of this problem and discuss its repercussions on how it affects our view and perception of who God is.
2. Read Acts 14:8-11 and contrast both the lame man and the pagan crowd. What does this tell us of having the right view of God.
3. Cite the difference in Acts 14:4-6 and Acts 14:8-11 on how satan used both persecution and praises as a means of defeating Apostle Paul and Barnabas. How did they react. Discuss the reality of this same struggle in the life of a believer.
4. Not having a right view of God directly affects and influence the way we live our lives. In view of this, discuss the 5 danger points listed below and share your thoughts and personal experiences.
 - A. The Danger of missing God's work (Acts 14:11)
 - B. The Danger of missing our hope in God (Acts 14:11)
 - C. The Danger of missing the one true God (Acts 14:12)
 - D. The Danger of missing out on God's truth and grace (Acts 14:13)
 - E. The Danger of missing out on God's wisdom and direction (Acts 14:19)

5. Many Christians have unknowingly used famous spiritual quotes that does not give an accurate representation of God as described in the bible. Discuss the sample quotes and try to identify it's flaws.
- A. "God will not give you more than you can handle"
 - B. "When God closes a door, He opens a window"
 - C. "God helps those who help themselves."

WORK

We made the point this week that we need to do our homework before we try to direct someone to Christ. This would be a great time to remind folks that the purpose of the Life Groups is to grow – to grow spiritually as individuals and to grow corporately as the number of people attending our group increases. Talk about how we might influence the particular people we have been praying for during our Work Time. What would pull them toward the Gospel? What kind of activities might we have as a small group that would draw those people in? Put some wheels on your prayers by actually inviting people to attend and then make sure you have a good time as a group when they do.

Those of us who lead should remember that there is no better way to motivate others to share the gospel than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to DGroup, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Close your time together in prayer.