

# Conspicuous for Christ - 5

## True grit

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Acts 14:1-28

Being conspicuous for Christ may cause .....  
and when it does God gives us .....

### Iconium

Paul and Barnabas communicated their love of Jesus

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And God confirmed it with the message of his grace (v3)

### Lystra

How do we reach a society that is disconnected from Christianity?

Be .....

Be .....

Act .....

Be .....

### Derbe and back

A charge to keep have I, a God to glorify

A never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky



At your small group this week or for your own personal follow-up ...

Talk about some times when you have felt isolated as a Christian – what did it feel like?

Read Acts 14:1-20 and talk about the character qualities you can see in Paul and Barnabas that made them so effective in their ministry.

What part did the church in Antioch play in Paul's church planting tour? (You will find Acts 13:1-3 and 14:26-28 helpful amongst others)

In missionary outreach how do churches today compare with Antioch?

Look back at Acts 13:16-41 as well as at chapter 14 and talk about how Paul tailored his message to the people he was taking to. Today God has called Victoria (that's us!) to communicate a never-changing message to an ever-changing culture. What do you think are the best ways of doing this?

In Acts 14:15-18 Paul gives reasons why they should turn to God by describing his characteristics – so what does this tell us about God? (You might also find these helpful: Matthew 16:16, Genesis 1:1, Psalm 146:6, Revelation 14:7)

Read 14:21-28. Paul and Barnabas returned to visit the cities where they had been cruelly treated. These men knew the dangers they faced, yet they believed they had a duty to strengthen new believers. No matter how inconvenient the task may appear, we have a similar duty – how you think we can best go about this task in our church?

Paul said “we must go through hardships to enter the kingdom of God” What do you think he meant – and do we give the impression that following Christ is rather too easy today? (see also John 16:33, 1 Thessalonians 3:3, 2 Timothy 3:12)

How would you creatively illustrate 14:14-18 – let your heart and mind wander round the passage ...

Pray about ways in which God may want you to be more effective as a communicator of his message and his love.

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