

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of August 16-17, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Building Resilience

(Acts 13:49-14:28)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 13:49-14:28

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How well do you handle discomfort?

When Paul states, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," what is your initial response to these words?

Pastor Alan highlights several adversities that Paul and Barnabas faced and how they responded.

Rejection (13:49-50)

How vulnerable are you to others' thoughts about you?

If you have learned to be less vulnerable to others' thoughts or reactions towards you, how has this come to be?

How do you stay rooted in your true identity when the feedback of others is hurtful?

Slander (14:1-2)

When have you been the recipient of slanderous words?

How easy or difficult is it for you to resist getting pulled into defending yourself versus moving on?

What is potentially lost if you get pulled into defending yourself?

Being Misunderstood (14:8-13)

When have you been misunderstood?

When have your beliefs been misunderstood by those around you?

How did you respond to this misunderstanding?

If you would like to handle this better in the future, how could you handle it differently?

Physical Violence (14:18-19)

What do you feel when you see how Paul responds to being stoned?

If you have ever been the recipient of physical harm or threat, how did you respond?

What could enable us to respond as unexpectedly as Paul? Does his response seem possible to you? Elaborate.

In 14:22, we read that Paul encouraged and strengthened the disciples.

Who in your life could currently use your encouragement or your strengthening?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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