

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

This series from Acts 9-15 tells the story of Jesus' first disciples learning that the gospel is for all. It cannot be limited by race, by tradition, or even by persecution. It calls the church in every generation to embrace the unlimited mission of God.

- 1 Read Luke 9:23-24, 14:25-27. Salvation costs you nothing, and discipleship costs you everything. That statement seems like such a paradox, but followers of Jesus must affirm both. How do we keep this tension in perspective, and what happens when we emphasize one over the other?
- Read Acts 14:1-7. When Paul went into a city with a synagogue like Iconium he first went there. When a city had no synagogue like Lystra he adopted his strategy and his message. Why is it critical for a missionary to adapt the presentation of the gospel to the culture? What bearing does it have on the way we share Christ in our culture?
- 3 Committed to making disciples who make disciples. Read Acts 14:21-22. Paul's strategy was to bring people to Christ, mature them, raise up leaders, and then leave. What does this say about his confidence in Christ as head of the church? How do you think he was able to raise up mature leaders so quickly?
- 4 Paul and Barnabas were fully committed to Jesus' commission to make disciples, not just decisions. **Read**Matthew 28-18-20. Why is baptism an initiation more than a destination? What must we teach if our mission is to produce reproducers?

- **5** Committed to taking *none of the honor due to Christ*. **Read Acts 14:12-15.** Paul and Barnabas were committed to making much of Christ, not to making much of themselves. In a culture that worships "me", how can others see this same commitment in us?
- © Committed to forsaking their lives for the mission.

  Read Galatians 2:20. Paul was committed to forsaking his life for the mission. What are some practical ways we can do the same every day? In what way does losing our life actually save it?
- **7** The mis-committed life is a limited life. Is God calling you to realign your commitments? Share with your group one area where God might be calling you to align your commitment to His mission.

## **Closing thought:**

God takes us where we don't want to go to become who He wants us to become. Spend some time this week praying about what God wants you to do for Harvest. Reflect on these questions: Will you pray? Will you give? Will you go? As you pray continue to log your hours at thehills.org/3000hours