

All Just a Big Misunderstanding

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1. When we read Acts 14:1-7, Paul and Barnabas choose to run away in the face of persecution on one occasion but stick around on another occasion. When is it advisable to leave a persecuting situation and when is it advisable to stay? Why would anyone choose to stay when persecution arises?
2. Read Acts 13:13-41, Acts 14:15-17, and Acts 17:22-31. What are the respective audiences of each of these sermons? How does the nature of the audience change the nature of the communication? What parts of the Gospel message should we be emphasizing in the different parts of Chicagoland? What parts of the message absolutely MUST be part of all our proclaiming of it?
3. If you were going to take time to consider the specific ways God has been good to you, what would you think about? Why do we struggle to focus on the many ways God has been good to us, choosing instead to focus on what's going wrong? How do we become people of gratitude to God?
4. What are the main ways in our society that people misunderstand the Gospel? Is there a difference between how an unbeliever misunderstands it and the way a believer misunderstands it? If so, what are those differences?
5. Can people be saved apart from explicit faith in Jesus? How does Scripture view other religions? What biblical examples come to mind regarding the answer to that question?