

Text: Acts 14:21-28

The World's Hatred of Christianity

- The world _____ us to _____.
- Crush us with _____.
- Keeping people from _____ following Christ.

Develop a Consistent Response

- Be strengthened and _____.
- Remain true to _____.
- Expect _____.

Live Through Grace

- Grace shapes our new Christian _____.
- God's grace teaches us proper _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- In your youthful idealism, for what social, political, or religious cause would you “go to the mat,” if necessary? Did you ever have to?
- If you were one of the new Galatian disciples that heard of or witnessed the brutal persecution of Paul and Barnabas, what would you need to hear them say to help keep you in the faith?
- What are some ways you've recently seen the world demonstrate its hatred of Christianity?
- How have you sensed the seductive tug of the ungodly world system to compromise this week? What did you do to resist?
- What are some ways you see the world preventing people from following Christ?
- Why do we need each other? How do we gain strength to live for Christ in a hostile world?
- Why are Paul and Barnabas so adamant that Christians will experience hardship along the journey to heaven?
- How does the grace of God shape our identities? How does it help us live godly lives in an ungodly society? How has the grace of God helped you this week?