

## A Church That SEES

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Where do you see the activity of our adversary as Paul and Barnabas proclaim the Good News in Iconium and Lystra?

Why is it important for the church today to be aware that our enemy is active and working against us? How do we learn to be a church that sees the truth about our adversary, the devil?

Where do you see the lost as you walk with Paul and Barnabas through Iconium and Lystra?

How can we develop eyes to see the lost around our homes and church building? How do we open our eyes to the opportunities we are given to lift Jesus up every day?

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Where do you see God's movement and power at work as Paul and Barnabas travel to Iconium and Lystra?

- Acts 14:1 A great number of Jew and Gentiles Believed
- Acts 14:3 God empowered Paul and Barnabas to speak boldly for the Lord
- Acts 14:3 God enabled them to do miraculous signs and wonders
- Acts 14:6 God protected His servants from harm
- Acts 14:9 God allowed Paul to see the faith of the crippled man in Lystra
- Acts 14:10 God healed the crippled man
- Acts 14:14-18 We can see how God moved in the lives of Paul and Barnabas in the way that they respond in humility and grief at the townspeople's action
- Acts 14:20 God gathered the disciples around Paul outside the city
- Acts 14:20 God protected Paul and spared his life

Why is it important for the church to look for the movement of God today?

Learning to see God's movements is at the root of our faith. We serve a risen and living Lord. In that very belief, we acknowledge that God is moving and active in our lives today.

Where do you see God moving in your congregation today?

Personal reflection...

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How do we learn to be a church that sees?

Learning to be a church that sees begins with a commitment to live with open eyes. As Christians who have our hope in a world we have yet to see, it is important that we move our focus from the physical to the spiritual.

Where do you see the activity of our adversary as Paul and Barnabas proclaim the Good News in Iconium and Lystra?

- Acts 14:2 Hard hearts, stirred up the Gentiles, poisoned their minds against the brothers
- Acts 14:4 Division
- Acts 14:5 A plot to mistreat and stone God's servants
- Acts 14:13 Idol worship
- Acts 14:19 The hatred of the Jews of Iconium

Why is it important for the church today to be aware that our enemy is active and working against us? How do we learn to be a church that sees the truth about our adversary, the devil?

Jesus clearly tells us that we have an enemy and can expect persecution and hardship. Sometimes we suffer a full frontal assault, other times we see the outcome of the adversary's movement in discouragement, complaining, and disagreements among the brothers. It is important that we be a church that remains alert to the enemy's movements and keep our eyes open to the truth that Jesus has overcome the world.

Where do you see the lost as you walk with Paul and Barnabas through Iconium and Lystra?

Both towns are full of people that need to hear the message of the cross and the good news that is found in Jesus Christ.

How can we develop eyes to see the lost around our homes and church building? How do we open our eyes to the opportunities we are given to lift Jesus up every day?

A church that sees is a church that has eyes for the lost. It is easy to get wrapped up in our own agendas and activities and miss the fact that most of the people we walk by each day need to be touched by His grace and transformed by His love.

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