NOV 3/4/5

BE DIFFERENT

SPEAK TRUTH

ICE BREAKER: Have you ever received a surprising response to a post on social media?

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE(S): Romans 12:2 & Acts 14:8-20

PAUL RESPONDS TO A MAN'S FAITH

- Read **Acts 14:8-10**
  - What about Paul's message might have inspired this man's faith?

THE TRUTH TWISTED

- Read **Acts 14:11-13**
  - What are some lies people zealously pursue in our society today that are counter to God's truth?

GRIEVED BY THE DECEPTION

- Read **Acts 14:14**
  - Have you ever taken a stand publicly for God's truth? If so, what was the situation and what did you do?

CONFRONTING THE LIE

- Read **Acts 14:15-20**
  - In what ways do you see people twist the message of Jesus today?

ACTIVATE:

Once you've anchored your faith in the truth of God's Word and sound theology, be willing to *share what you have learned* with others. If you have believed a lie in the past, you most likely learned it from or were affirmed in it by family, friends, or coworkers. Ask God to give you opportunities to *share what you have learned*, and then be ready to speak His truth. **You can do it!**

SUMMIT GROUPS

Romans 12:2 NLT
Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Acts 14:8-10 NLT
8 While they were at Lystra, Paul and Barnabas came upon a man with crippled feet. He had been that way from birth, so he had never walked. He was sitting **9** and listening as Paul preached. Looking straight at him, Paul realized he had faith to be healed. **10** So Paul called to him in a loud voice, *"Stand up!"* And the man jumped to his feet and started walking.

Acts 14:11-13 NLT
11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in their local dialect, *"These men are gods in human form!"* **12** They decided that Barnabas was the Greek god Zeus and that Paul was Hermes, since he was the chief speaker. **13** Now the temple of Zeus was located just outside the town. So the priest of the temple and the crowd brought bulls and wreaths of flowers to the town gates, and they prepared to offer sacrifices to the apostles.

Acts 14:14 NLT
14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard what was happening, they tore their clothing in dismay and ran out among the people, shouting,

Acts 14:15-20 NLT
15 *"Friends, why are you doing this? We are merely human beings—just like you! We have come to bring you the Good News that you should turn from these worthless things and turn to the living God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.* **16** *In the past he permitted all the nations to go their own ways,* **17** *but he never left them without evidence of himself and his goodness. For instance, he sends you rain and good crops and gives you food and joyful hearts."* **18** But even with these words, Paul and Barnabas could scarcely restrain the people from sacrificing to them.

19 Then some Jews arrived from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowds to their side. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of town, thinking he was dead. **20** But as the believers gathered around him, he got up and went back into the town. The next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.