

<p><b>Do you have</b> any warm gloves, scarves, hats or blankets you would be willing to let the Street Pastors pass onto 'rough sleepers' in Falmouth during the cold weather we are now experiencing? Please pass any donations onto Bryan Green or Dot Jones. Thanks, in anticipation, and on behalf of those who will benefit.</p>	<p><b>OASIS Groups</b> this Friday 7th Feb is <b>Club Night</b>. See Amy or Claudia for more info</p>	
<p><b>Exploring Christianity.</b> Steps to a fuller understanding of the Christian faith. Free meal at 6.30pm with a meal, followed by a short talk with a Questions &amp; Answers session. Each Tuesday night until Feb 18th @ EBC. This week- Did Jesus really rise from the dead?</p>	<p><b>Food for Thought</b> This Thurs 6th Feb. Guest Speaker is Kate Dinwoodie. Starts at 2.30pm.</p>	
<p><b>Men's Prayer Group</b> meeting for men every Tuesday morning at 7am for 45 minutes in the prayer room.</p>	<p><b>F&amp;PCT Men's Breakfast</b> NEXT Saturday 8th February 8.30am. £9 After Breakfast Speaker:- TBA Please book through EBC office</p>	
	<p>A group of people meet for <b>Prayer on a Mon morning 9-9.30am</b> in the church. You are most welcome to join them or pass on prayer requests to Angie Godfrey or Jeff Mount</p>	<p><b>Food Bank- Needs are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tin Corned Beef</li> <li>• Tinned Ham</li> <li>• Washing up Liquid</li> <li>• Dry Cat Food</li> <li>• Shaving Foam</li> </ul>

## Sunday 2nd February 2020

**10.30am** Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.  
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself.

**11am** Children and youth groups leave  
Nippers: Pre-school 2+  
Buzz: Reception, school years 1-6  
Salt: School years 7-9

**7pm.** Prayer & Praise

**10.30am** Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.  
Main Door Amy Growcott-Smith  
Inner Door David & Angie Pascoe  
Easy Worship Vicki Kneebone  
Teas & Coffees Annie Stephens & Kathy French/Gordon & Doreen Fraser

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?**

Email [housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk](mailto:housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk) and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

**WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?**

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

## Sermon Outline Notes: Acts 14: 1-28

### 1) Introduction

Paul having become ill on the coastal malarial swamps decided to go up and beyond the Taurus mountains to the high plateau rather than go back home. 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going' - Paul is persecuted in Pisidian Antioch, but continues his missionary journey to the cities of Iconium, Lystra and Derbe!

### 2) What is driving Paul?

His motive is that he wants to preach the gospel to as many people as he can:-

- a) he feels a 'debt' to the world (Romans 1:14)
- b) something within him compels him to continue to preach and that something is the love of Christ. (2 Cor 5:14)

One word describes Paul's missionary journey: Forward.

### 3) Iconium- Paul's testimony was strengthened by God himself. Three observations:-

- a) close association between words and signs.
- b) signs and wonders still did not convince those who did not want to believe.
- c) signs and wonders confirm Paul's emphasis on grace in his preaching.

### 4) Why do Paul and Barnabas flee Iconium?

They realised that their lives were in danger and that their missionary work was not yet completed and so they flee.

### 5) Lystra

Paul's approach was to begin where people 'were at' and to tell them what God had already done for them. Paul and Barnabas again meet severe opposition and Paul is 'stoned' (see 2 Cor 11:25).

### 6) Derbe

No details are given apart from the detail that Paul and Barnabas 'won a large number of disciples'.

### 7) Return visits!

This missionary journey is almost a complete circle. When they got to Derbe, to return to Antioch, all they needed to do was to go through a pass in the mountains and this was the quickest way back to their home church in Antioch. But they instead go back and visits the churches they have planted.

Paul wants to see new converts grow; he wants to build them up in their faith; he wants to encourage them. One of the ways he does this is to warn them of the opposition and hardships they will face as disciples of Christ. That opposition and hardship Paul knows first-hand.

### Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. What points particularly struck you? Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) When to 'do a runner' and when to stay is a big question? Share your own experiences of having to make such a decision.
- 3) How can we encourage each other to grow as disciples and particularly to be able to go through many hardships? Do we today underplay the fact that as followers of Christ we will meet opposition?

## NOTES