

*Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.*

**Scripture**

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28

## 1. Opening Statement

*Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:*

**God calls His church to send and support missionaries to those who have never heard the gospel.**

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

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## 2. Thought From the Study

Some Jews came from where Paul and Barnabas had previously journeyed, with the sole purpose of causing them harm. They won over the crowd and turned them against Paul and Barnabas. They even stoned Paul and left him for dead.

Paul was stubbornly courageous though. After the disciples gathered around him, he got up and went right back into town. He was willing to lose everything, even his life, for the sake of the gospel. This is the call of the missionary—to trust God completely for every need, even in the midst of opposition and suffering.

► **Why do you think Paul returned to Lystra?**

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## 3. Quote for Discussion

*Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?*

**People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives...and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted. —Nate Saint**

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## 4. Conversation Questions

*Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:*

1. Who are some missionaries our family knows? How can we pray for them this week?
2. What would be difficult for our family to surrender if God called us to live as foreign missionaries?
3. What are some things our family can sacrifice in order to support missionaries?
4. How does Paul's determination encourage us to persevere when sharing the gospel?