Acts 14:15

Men, ________________ are you doing these things?

We also are men, of ________________ ________________ with you

and we bring you ________________ ________________

that you should ________________ from these ________________ things to a ________________ God.

“Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

- C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

Psalms 34:8, 42:1–2, 63:1, 36:8, 43:3–4, 16:11, 119:103, 37:4
HEARING AND DOING

Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the sermon material, as well as preparing for discussion in your Grow Group. Bring this sheet with you to your group meeting.

1. Read Acts 14:8-18. In what ways did the pagan people worship Paul and Barnabas? Why didn’t Paul and Barnabas stop them sooner?

2. Why did Paul mention God’s creative power in verse 15 - “making the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them?”

3. In verses 16-17, we see that God allowing people to worship idols actually shows off certain parts of his character, from which he gets more glory. What might those character qualities be?

4. Another way to say “worship” is “glorify”. It is very easy to glorify idols instead of glorifying the one true God. Yet it is also easy for wrong notions to creep into this word, making our worship less than God would have it. Below are several words that may or may not mean the same thing as glorify. Cross out the ones you think are incorrect when it comes to glorifying God.

honor  praise  increase  purify
beautify  compliment  elevate  exalt
love  encourage  delight in  adore

5. Rank yourself on the following scale - do your worship God more from obligation or from joy?

1 .......................................................... 5 .......................................................... 10

obligation ............................................. joy

Some questions adapted from Desiring God: Study Guide.