♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, July 10, 2011

"GROWING DISCIPLES"

(Acts 14:19-25)

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. In preparation for this special time of worship we will explore the biblical example of discipleship from Acts 14. What does it mean to truly follow Christ as a disciple?

1. Disciples grow through	(v. 19-20).
2. Disciples grow through	(v. 21-22).
3. Disciples grow through	(v. 23a).
4. Disciples grow through	(v. 23b).
5. Disciples grow through	(v. 23c).
6. Disciples grow through	(v. 24-25).

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV).

1. Disciples grow through committed examples (v. 19-20).

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21, NIV).

2. Disciples grow through challenges (v. 21-22).

"Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8, NIV).

- 3. Disciples grow through <u>responsibility</u> (v. 23a).
- 4. Disciples grow through prayer (v. 23b).
- 5. Disciples grow through relationship to God (v. 23c).
- 6. Disciples grow through taking next steps (v. 24-25).

"Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:12, NIV).

"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it" (Matthew 7:13-14, NLT).