

Read Acts 14 v 8-20

1. Discuss this account of a day in the life of St. Paul and try to imagine what he may have thought.
2. Think and tell your group of an occasion in your own life or a story that you have heard where the outcome was just not fair.
3. Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33
 - How does this scripture make you feel?
 - Can you think of a time when you had to talk to yourself or let others talk you into TAKING HEART! How did that work out?
4. St James writes "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds" (1:2)
 - How can we help ourselves and each other to do this?
5. Why do you think we are often surprised, maybe angry or disillusioned when there is an 'It's not fair' situation?
 - Discuss: should we expect things to work out well or to give us grief?
 - Think of someone who is going through difficulties right now and ask God to show you how you could help.
6. The passage also includes a miracle. What are you doing about miracles?
7. Is there anything that you can do, with others maybe, to make this world a bit fairer?
8. "There is a day that all creation's waiting for" is a line of a song. Where can we find this in scripture? Should we be celebrating this day? (Rev. 21:1-4)