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4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

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44 The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul and were blaspheming. 46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, that You may bring salvation to the end of the earth.'"

48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51 But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Talk Together:

1. How did people receive the message Paul preached about Jesus? What did they do and say to Paul and Barnabas as they were leaving the synagogue? (vv.42-43)
2. In verses 44-49, compare how the Jews and Gentiles responded to the word of God? Why did Paul and Barnabas turn their attention to the Gentiles?
3. What price did Paul and Barnabas pay for telling people about Christ? What gave Paul and Barnabas joy? (vv. 50-52)

Conviction:

I will respond wisely by rejoicing in God's truth, believing it and sharing it with others.

Application:

How will you respond wisely to God's truth in your life?

Pray Together:

Dear Father, thank you very much for Your truth that sets us free. Give us humble hearts to acknowledge our need for You and empower us to live out Your truth in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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