Home Group Notes **Week Following 25th October 2026**

1. Have you ever been on a really long trip? Where did you go? What was it like? Share your feelings about the experience.

   Read Acts 14 v 21-28

2. It would have been quicker and shorter to go from Derbe to Antioch by going eastward through Cilicia to Syria, but Paul and Barnabas go back the way they came. Why do you think they did this?

3. What had happened in Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, Perga and Attalia? Would you have chosen to do that? Why/why not?

4. In v 23 they say that 'We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

   What do you think this means? Is it a requirement, or just a consequence?

5. Sometimes we feel that meeting opposition is a sign that God doesn't want us to go that way, but is this always true? Can you think of some examples?

6. Do you think we expect our lives to run smoothly and find it hard when things don't go to plan.

   What helps you to cope with difficulties and challenges?

7. Do you find you are affected by what you see and read and watch? What sort of things build you up mentally and spiritually? Do you actively seek these things out?

8. As you look back on your journey of faith, are there any moments that stand out as significant markers, or times when you changed direction?

9. Are there ways in which we as a church, as a homegroup or as individuals could build one another up and share what God is doing in our lives?

10. I am truly grateful for the people who have walked alongside me and helped me when things were tough and celebrated with me when things were good. Spend some time saying thank you for such people in prayer.