



Bridge Church Home Groups Questions

Series: Unstoppable Part 3 – A Study in Acts

Message: Facing an Uphill Battle

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Read Acts 13:13-16 & Acts 13:42-52 then use the following questions to kick-start your discussion:

1. In our passage Paul and Barnabas spent several days climbing up 3600 feet in the Tarsus mountains to travel from Perga to Pisidian Antioch. This uphill journey was grueling and they faced danger on the roads from thieves. They travelled this difficult road because at the top there were people who needed to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - a. What are the “mountains” you have had to climb in your life to share your faith?
 - b. How are other worthy pursuits in our lives that feel like a mountain climb? (education, career, relationships, family, church planting etc)

2. In verse 13, John Mark suddenly leaves Paul and Barnabas. We will find out later that this viewed as a serious offense to Paul. We don’t know why John Mark left. Some commentators suspect that he may have felt intimidated by the dangerous road ahead. Later on God redeemed John Mark and used him to write the Gospel of Mark. There also seems to have been some degree of reconciliation with Paul.
 - a. Where in your journey of life have you felt the sting of abandonment and betrayal?
 - b. How have you seen God at work for your good during it or after the fact?

3. After their ascent to the top, in Pisidian Antioch, Paul and Barnabas saw great fruit from their ministry. Many came to walk with Jesus because of their faithful obedience. Yet despite this success, they were eventually run out of town!
 - a. How is this an accurate picture of being on the “mountain top” in a variety of areas in our lives?
 - b. Re-read verses 51-52 – what stands out to you about their response to this rejection?

4. In our lives we climb a variety of important “mountains” in Jesus’ Name. Yet it is God who decides what we find at the top of the mountain! How does God’s view of “success” look different than that of the world?
 - a. What does this passage tell us about how Paul and Barnabas viewed success?