



Bible study for the week starting December 11, 2022

### SHARE

1. Are you a traveler or a homebody? What's the longest trip you've ever taken, whether in duration or distance?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 13:13-52**. We hear about John Mark separating from Paul and Barnabas. When you read elsewhere, you hear they later made up, but it eventually ended up with Paul and Barnabas going their separate ways. What's the difference between disagreement and division, and how do you keep one from escalating into the other?
3. Paul had a standard method when he visited a new location; how would you summarize it?
4. What was the reaction when Paul took the message to the Gentiles? What is the end result as Paul's perspective is broadened? How has God broadened *your* perspective over time?
5. Read **Isaiah 49:5-7**. It was always God's plan to make Jesus a "light to the nations." How do you (or don't you) see similarities between God coming down to us and the apostles going out to the nations?
6. Read **Matthew 11:2-15**. John the Baptist is such an important figure during the season of Advent. What affirmation do we see Jesus giving to John? What affirmation does God have for you lately?

### PRAY

7. Pray that God would bring you closer to Him and to His people during this season of busyness and distraction, and that He would remove obstacles that would keep you from Him.



**Listen!**

Acts 13:13-52

December 11, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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Paul seems to know the level of OPPOSITION he would face and didn't want to go to battle alongside any FAIR-WEATHER Christians.

They handed the (figurative) MIC to Paul.

The word of the day is: "LISTEN!"

"See, I have set before you today LIFE and GOOD, DEATH and EVIL."

-Deut. 30:15

Listening to God's Word assumes:

1. FAITH – Takes this from a great story to a story of SALVATION; and
2. OBEDIENCE – You go from LIP service to a LIVING faith.

They MOVED ON...

...but they also WENT BACK.

*For next week, read Acts 14:1-20*