

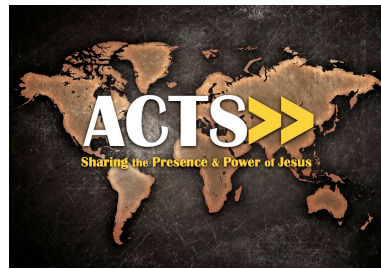
# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia Message...

### The Unstoppable Word of God

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- **God's Word Draws.**

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**Isaiah 49:6 - <sup>6</sup>** He says, “You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

- **Driven Forward by the Spirit.**

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**Big Idea – God’s Word draws, divides and drives us forward.**

### Reflection Questions:

- 1) What draws you to God’s Word?
- 2) Do you create space in your life to hear from and respond to God’s Word?
- 3) How can you help create environments where others have the opportunity to hear God’s Word?
- 4) How do you respond when people oppose or reject God’s Word?
- 5) How are you partnering with the Holy Spirit to advance the Gospel?



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- 2) Read Acts 13:44-52. What is the **Context** for these passages? Who is the writer and who is the recipient? What is the purpose for writing? What has happened prior to these passages?
- 3) **Observation:** What do you notice about this passage? What caused the original audience to become jealous and reactive?
- 4) What is the **Meaning** of this passage? Why do you think Luke included this in his narrative?
- 5) Read Isaiah 49:6. Why is it significant? How do you feel when you see the cohesiveness of God's Word?
- 6) **Application:** How will you apply this message? What role do you personally play in sharing the Gospel?
- 7) Have you ever experienced rejection? How did you handle it? What is one next step is God asking you to take today?



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