

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FROM February 26/27 SERMON

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This weekend we began Paul's first missionary journey alongside Barnabas. Our focus was Paul's sermon in Antioch in Pisidia. In your groups we'll walk through this amazing sermon once again.

- 1) **Read Acts 13: 16-25**, which we titled:
JESUS: THE ANTICIPATION (v.16-25)

Paul basically sums up 1,500 years of anticipation to Jesus, from the Exodus to John the Baptist. What sticks out to you in this biblical history lesson?

2. **Read Acts 13:26-37**, which we titled:
JESUS: REJECTION TO RESURRECTION (V.26-37)

What sticks out to you in this amazing section as Paul begins to transition into the Gospel invitation?

3. **Read Acts 13:38-41**, which we titled:
JESUS THE INVITATION (v.38-41)

What sticks out to you in this section as Paul clearly shares that only through belief and trust in Jesus is someone truly free from the guilt and penalty of their sin?

4. From this amazing sermon, we hit three Gospel Tips from Paul, they were:
 - Use God's Word, not just your words
 - Saturate them with Jesus
 - Joy is found in the proclamation, regardless the result

We noticed how Paul quoted scripture left and right and knew in his heart the Word of God. Also, that Jesus was the undeniable focus of his message.

Have you made memorizing scripture a priority in your life? Would you be able to share the Gospel using scripture without a Bible in your hands? How can your group support one another in memorizing scripture?

5. Finish the rest of this narrative, [Read Acts 13: 42-52](#)

We noticed how even amid rejection, persecution and being driven out by the Jews, the disciples “were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit”.

How can we find joy in the proclamation of the Gospel regardless of the result?

BIBLE REFERENCES

Acts 13:16-25

¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ ²³ Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

Acts 13: 26-37

²⁶ "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you.'

³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

"I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.'

³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm,

"You will not let your Holy One see corruption.'

³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.

Acts 13:38-41

³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed[□] from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

⁴¹ "Look, you scoffers,
be astounded and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you."

Acts 13: 42-52

⁴² As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. ⁴³ And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews[□] saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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