

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **God's Plan A** :: **Part 12**– (Acts 13-14)

Paul and Barnabas Most Excellent Adventure

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Connect

What is one of your favorite Summer past times?

What has a highlight to your Summer so far?

Sunday Message Feedback

1. * **What impacted you from Sunday's message by Pastor Shawn?**

: What challenged or encouraged you, and why?

: What can you apply to your faith & life this week? How?

2. **Paul and Barnabas Most Excellent Adventure** *What stands out to you from the following passage?

Read [Acts 13:1-5](#) **Paul and Barnabas are commissioned:** Pastor Shawn spoke about how we are to "Be A Light" that we all have a calling on our life. That we have been commissioned. What does that mean for us?

- Read **Matthew 5:14-16** ["You are the light of the world..."](#)
- Read **Matthew 6:19-21** ["Store your treasures in heaven..."](#)
- What stands out from these passages?
- How can we be a light to our world practically?
- What is the Treasure? How can we "Store your treasures...?"

3. Read [Acts 13:6-12](#) What stands out to you from this passage?

- Who was directing Paul and Barnabas?
- Why did the governor become a believer?

4. Read [Acts 13:13-43](#) What stands out to you from this passage?

- **Click for:** [Paul and Barnabas's Journey Map](#)
- How do Paul and Barnabas shine their light in Antioch? Why do you think they chose to go to the Synagogue to share the good news?
- Why did Paul find it important to explain the History of their ancestors, prophets, King David and how Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament?

When sharing our story, why is it important to have a history and understanding of the person we are sharing with?

5. Read [Acts 13:42-43](#) What stands out to you from this passage?

Pastor Shawn said that Christians should “Create **Opportunities**, not **Conflict**”. What do you think he meant by that?

In the media we often see Christians creating Conflict or Opposition rather than Creating Opportunities. Unfortunately the stories of Opportunities aren’t talked about.

- Do you find that you can focus on the issues that can create conflict rather than creating opportunities to share God’s love? Why do we do this?
- What are some ways we can create opportunities to share God’s love as a church and personally?

6. Read [Acts 13:44-46](#) What jumps out to you from this passage?

Pastor Shawn asked the question: *“Have you ever noticed that when someone changes their life around there are always people who push back?”*

Do you relate to this with your own personal story or have you seen it in someone else life? Share your experience. (Eg: – *“Oh you think you are better than us, Oh you can’t do that with us anymore...”*)

7. Read [Acts 13:47-52](#) What jumped out in this passage?

How can we relate to this today?

8. Read [Acts 14:1-7](#) What jumped out in this passage?

Do you see any similarities in this passage to previous ones? Explain.

Do you find it surprising that Paul and Barnabas find rejection and opposition even after people saw miracles and heard one of the greatest theologians preach?

Should we be surprised when we do as well when we share our faith?

- Who is it up to save people?
- Who is our success dependent on?
- So who can be used by God?

9. Read [Acts 14:8-19](#) What jumped out in this passage?

Do you find anything interesting in **vs. 9&10**? Explain.

What would you do if the people started worshipping you? Do you think this happens today?

In **vs. 19 & 20** we see that Paul and Barnabas face opposition again.

- Pastor Shawn made the Statement: “Being a light doesn’t create conflict but it does attract opposition – (Bugs like lights...)”. Discuss.

10. Read [Acts 14:21-28](#) What jumped out in this passage?

Application:

Pastor Shawn shared 3 points that apply to us in these chapters

- 1. **Pray for open doors.**
- 2. **Realize that people need ANSWERS not ARGUMENTS**
- 3. **Start with where THEY ARE, not with what YOU KNOW**

BE A LIGHT – CREATE OPPORTUNITIES NOT CONFLICT – EXPECT OPPOSITON – REALIZE THAT REJECTION MAY BE A SIGN OF SUCCESS NOT FAILURE.

Read through the **Book of Acts** this Summer (July/Aug). There are 28 Chapters.

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Prayer

We’re going to pray for open doors in our life to share our story and how Jesus came into it.

If you are comfortable share a door that you need to open so that you are able to share your story. (eg. fear, anxiety, a person at work, a neighbor or family member)

Share & Pray for the person on your left.

God, You for _____ (the person’s name and how Jesus has been at work in their life)

I pray for the _____ (door that they need opened)

I pray for _____ (Opportunities in the area that asked for prayer)...

SHARE & PRAY

Pray for that person with your Group, and share any other specific prayer requests for this coming week.

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[Paul and Barnabas’s Journey Map](#)