



Episode 7: Paul's Epic Quest

Acts Chapters 13 & 14

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

***Take some time to look up and read out loud together:* Acts Chapter 13 & 14**

1. Identify the locations visited on Paul's first missionary journey and summarize the major events at these locations.
2. How does Paul and Barnabas' experience in Iconium differ from their experience in Antioch? How is it similar?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. Life-change happens when God calls and we respond (13:2-3). Share about a time in your life when God's call and your response resulted in undeniable life change in you and/or others?
4. What feelings and emotions are created by Paul's sermon in the various groups of people mentioned in 13:42-51. How do you explain such a variety of reactions and responses?
5. God will confront our sin and weakness as we follow him. There are two major events that bookend the missionary journey in Acts 13-14:
 - A religious false-teacher is struck blind.
 - An innocent Christian is stoned for his faith.Both of these events are straight from Saul's past. How has God confronted, forgiven, and healed aspects of your sin and weakness for the purpose of equipping you for personal ministry to others?
6. When have people tried to turn you from your faith? What happened? How do you deal with such pressures? When should you strongly confront people who oppose Jesus?
7. Consider this "pastor's challenge" question today. Which word best describes where you are today: "Sent", "Supporting", "Disobedient". What is God bringing to mind as you consider these words?

Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984) and the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998)