

ACTS

Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 14
Acts 13

Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

1. Read verses 1-3. Notice the baseline: worshipping, fasting and prayer. We see the call of Barnabas and Paul, the one-two punch of encouragement and exhortation. Which of these two attributes comes most naturally to you. Pray to use that gift and grow in the other.
2. Spend time in verses 4-12. Paul goes to work. Here the gospel exposes lies. "Magic" is overpowered by truth. Pray for discernment, the wisdom to sort truth from lies and to live out the truth.
3. Read and think on verses 13-15. Paul and his companions move on to Perga and there he is asked to share a word. Paul is ready. Do we stand ready to share a word? Are we in the word? Are we invested in the deeper work of prayer? Are we in fellowship? Let these questions lead you to prayer.
4. Consider verses 16-31. Paul offers incredible insight on how to read our bible, showing that from the very beginning scripture has been pointing to Jesus. Think on the unified nature of the Bible. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for the revelation of scripture and ask for the conviction to lead life that aligns with the word.
5. Take time in verses 32-37. Here is the center of Paul's message: Jesus. None of us are Paul; we don't possess his training or experience, but if we know Jesus, we have a testimony and that testimony is powerful.
6. Linger in verses 38-41. Paul proclaims the forgiveness of sins available through faith in Jesus. The grace of Jesus accomplishes what the Law of Moses could not. Let this truth lead you to worship the Lord for who he is (not just what he has done).
7. Read verses 42-52. Focus on verse 46. Here is the call to the people of God, "I have made you a light for the gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Notice the means of delivery: you. Let this joy and challenge lead you to prayer.

Notes/Prayer Request