

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Acts 13:13-43
From Slavery to Freedom

Digging In

1. **Read Ac 13:13-15.** What change seems to have taken place in the leadership of the first missionary team?
2. Describe the setting for this sermon.
3. **Vss. 16-22:** What kinds of people were in the congregation?
4. What periods of Israel's history does Paul cover in these verses?
5. God's actions are prominent in this passage. Count the verbs connected with God. (E.g., v. 17: God **chose**; he **made**; he **led**)
6. **Vss. 23-25.** How does Paul describe Christ's coming?
7. **Vss. 26-31.** How was Jesus received by the people of Jerusalem?
8. In what ways does Paul emphasize God's sovereignty in these verses?
9. **Vss. 32-37.** What doctrine does Paul emphasize in this passage? Why do you think this was so important?
10. **Vss. 38-43.** How does Paul explain the good news of salvation?
11. How did the people respond?



Getting Personal

- If you had been a Jew in the congregation that day, how do you think you would have responded?
- Do you think you would have responded differently if you'd been a God-fearing Gentile? Why?
- What would have helped you to accept what Paul was saying?
- What would you have found difficult to accept?
- How do you think you would have responded to the promise and warning in vss. 38-41?
- Would you say that you are justified (declared righteous) in God's sight? Why?