

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Opportunity and Opposition

Acts 13

Getting Started

In your own words, what is the Great Commission?

Digging In

1. Last week we looked at Paul's conversion in Acts 9. Many years later, he told a crowd in Jerusalem about his conversion. How does he describe his unique calling? (Acts 22:1-21)
2. **Read Acts 11:19-30.** How did Barnabas and Saul end up in Antioch?
3. **Read Acts 13:1-3.** How did Barnabas and Saul become missionaries? (Acts 13:1-3)
4. **Read Acts 13:4-12.** Summarize their ministry in Paphos.
5. **Read Acts 13:13-43.** How do Paul and Barnabas demonstrate wisdom in the way they approach their audience?
6. What are the key points Paul makes in his synagogue sermon?
7. What is the essence of the gospel they proclaimed? (vv. 38-39)
8. How did the people respond?
9. **Read Acts 13:44-52.** What was the apostles' experience on this second Sabbath? How did they respond?
10. How are human responsibility and divine sovereignty both seen in this chapter?



Getting Personal

- What opportunities did Paul and Barnabas have to share the gospel?
- In what ways were they **intentional** about pursuing these opportunities?
- How can we be intentional about pursuing opportunities to share the gospel?
- Are you living with a sense of mission? Explain.
- When you have an opportunity to share the gospel, what is the heart of your message?