



Background:

The church did not send Paul on this missionary journey alone. Barnabas was commissioned with Paul, and allowed Paul to assume a position of leadership. John Mark was Barnabas' cousin, and began the journey with Paul and Barnabas. There is not a clear indication of the reason John Mark left the group, but Paul considered it a defection, and was clearly not happy with John Mark.

The gospel continued westward, with Paul and his companions sailing northwest from Cyprus to Perga, and finally on to Antioch of Pisidia. The audience there would have been grounded in the Old Testament, as he gave a historical synopsis of Jewish history, shared the gospel, and shared a warning for those who chose not to believe the words of Scripture.



Read Acts 13:13-15

- 1) How would you have felt if a member of your team left without a clear explanation?
- 2) How do you think Paul would have felt when he was given an opportunity to share his message with the synagogue?
- 3) How excited would you be if you were asked to share your faith story? Why do you answer the way you do?

Read Acts 13:16-41

- 1) As you read this passage, what stands out to you most?
- 2) Where do you see the grace of God in these verses?
- 3) What is God doing today that we could not even imagine?

Read Isaiah 55:1-13; Psalm 16:7-11; Habakkuk 1:5

- 1) How is God actively involved in our nation?
- 2) How is God actively involved in our church?



Life Change:

Where do you see God active in your everyday life?

How are you astounded by the love and compassion of God?

What parts of these Scriptures do you not understand?



Getting Out There:

In this passage, we see that Paul was given an audience with which to share the gospel. What audience has God given you? Write down the names of 3 people that God has placed in your life that need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray over these names throughout the week. (Teams “out there” this week: Middle School - Pawley’s Island 1)



Family Moments:

Elementary: Read Acts 13:26-32

What mission did God give Paul?

What message was Paul sharing with the people?

Mission trips don’t have to take you far from home; how can your family share the Good News where you live?

*Pray as a family about what mission God may have for you in your own neighborhood.

Teen: Read Acts 13:15-16 and 37-39

What is the message of encouragement that Paul shares with the people?

How can we send a message of encouragement this week to the family God has laid upon our hearts?

*As a family, pray that God would use you to go to these people and share the love and message of Jesus with them.