



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Bring God's Salvation to the Ends of the Earth October 20-22, 2018

(Acts 13:38-48) "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. {39} Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses. {40} Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you: {41} "Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you." {42} As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. {43} When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. {44} On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. {45} When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. {46} Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. {47} For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." {48} When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

1. Where have you felt like you were close to “the end of the earth?”
2. Read the full account of Paul’s sermon in Acts 13:12-48. What are some of Paul’s key points in v. 16-31? Why do you think Paul says what he says?

3. In v. 38, Paul reaches the climax of his sermon. What’s his point?
4. How would you put v. 39 in your own words?
5. Some people responded positively to Paul’s message. Why?
6. Some people reacted negatively to Paul’s message. Why?
7. Why did Paul and Barnabas feel compelled to speak the Word of God to the Jews first? (v. 46)
8. Agree/disagree: According to verse 47, Paul recognizes that God has made him to be a light for the Gentiles. (cf. Isa 49:6; Luke 2:32)
9. Where do you fit in this Biblical account? (Which character(s) can you relate to?)