

Potential Discussion Questions

Message 2019-11-3, Courage to Follow, Grace to Stand, pt 2 (Ac 13:13-52)

1. Have you ever really wanted something, tried, and felt like it ended in failure (or disappointment)? Share the experience and some things you learned through it.
2. This chapter points to two very common situations that impact our ministry: a health crisis (Paul) and giving up on a commitment (John Mark). Have you personally experienced one of these? How would you counsel someone going through it?
3. Barnabas continues to live as an encourager. In chapter 13, we see a major transition from “Barnabas and Saul” to “Paul and Barnabas”. What does this role reversal imply? What would have it required to be successful?
4. Review the elements of Israel’s history Paul addressed in 13:16-39. Why do you think he included these? Why is each one significant? What are some major things he left out that you might include? How would you summarize his argument, bringing this all to Jesus?
5. What is Paul’s warning in verses 40-41? How is this same warning appropriate to our day?
6. How is it that people hear the same message and some reject while others believe? What does this caution you about your own heart? How do you see this in people around you?
7. Have you ever been wrapped up by someone’s jealousy? Why does it arise? How is it destructive – both in the text and in our lives?
8. Which of the 5 insights from a sabbath sermon strikes you most? How will you respond?
9. What would you like to discuss that hasn’t been covered?
10. What is your best take-away from this study?.