

CG Guide - Acts 13:1-12

Series: Acts



Part 1: Getting to the Big Idea

Questions get to the Big Idea of the passage

1. Watch the recap video on Acts 1-12 and take note of the final few minutes. What is the turning point in this part of the gospel mission?
2. "Saul" was his Jewish name while "Paul" was his Roman name. What is the literary significance of Luke changing the name from "Saul" to "Paul" here?
3. Read Acts 5:1-11, 8:9-24, and 9:1-19. How does this miraculous judgment of Elymas parallel these previous episodes in Acts? What are the parallels that Luke might be trying to show?
4. Where are Paul and Barnabas at the beginning of the passage? Where do they go to? What does this suggest about the gospel mission?
5. Identify the places where the Holy Spirit speaks and acts in the passage. What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Leaders' Note

After discussing the observation questions, summarise for your group what the big idea of the passage is before going on to the application portion of the study.

Part 2: Takeaways & Applications

Applying the passage to our lives to grow in Christlikeness

Leaders' Note

Choose one or more questions from each of the categories

Fallen Condition Questions

Considering our idols and temptations; how we are both sinners and sufferers

1. The church sought God's direction and was obedient to how the Spirit was directing the gospel mission. Do we similarly seek God's direction and obey how the Spirit is directing us? What makes it difficult for us to do so?

Personal Renewal Questions

Considering how we can be renewed and transformed in Christlikeness

2. Consider our responses to question 2. How does Jesus' life, death, resurrection or intercession for us encourage or strengthen us to seek and be obedient to the Spirit?
3. Consider Paul's past (blinded like Elymas) and the Proconsul in this passage. How do Jesus and the Holy Spirit transform them? What is some evidence of the Spirit's renewing work in our life?
4. Sometimes we can become easily demoralised when faced with opposition (e.g. Elymas' opposition to the gospel) and difficulties. How does the Spirit empower us for the gospel mission? If you have, share past experiences of how you have seen the Spirit work in our humble attempts to share the gospel.

Shaping Church Culture Questions

Considering how the gospel shapes and permeates the culture within our community

5. What are some ways the Spirit is challenging you to be involved in the gospel mission together with our church community?

