

Small Group Questions | May 21st, 2017

Serving a Movement: Movement and Its Message (Part 1) (Acts 13:13-42)

Sermon Recap: Doug's message was on the movement of the Gospel throughout Samaria and the ends of the earth. He explained Paul's words in Acts 13 to reveal that Jesus is the promised king and resurrected son of God. He said that we receive forgiveness and freedom in his name. Yet we must also *proclaim* forgiveness and freedom, through Christ, which will lead to persecution from the world but joy in the expanding kingdom.

Hook: *These questions can help introduce the topic.*

1. Context is key to right understanding. How has this series cleared up any confusion in the role of the church for you?

Look: *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

2. Who does Paul address in verses 16-42? What (generally) is he saying about the promises of Abraham and David?
3. How does Paul back up his claims? Why would he pain himself to reinforce his argument with the Jews?
4. What is the result of Paul's words? How does he encourage them? What did Paul mean by what he said to them (v. 43)?

Took: *Applying the message to our lives.*

5. Paul says we are a light to the nations in v.47, why do we struggle with this reality?
6. How do you fear persecution for proclaiming freedom and forgiveness in Christ?
7. Read Isaiah 55. The joy set before us is to be the motivation for overcoming the obstacles to movement. How have you experienced this joy in your life?

Prayer/Verse: "Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38-39