

Leaders' Guide to The Week in the Word

Acts Worksheet #25: Paul's First Sermon

Passage: Acts 13:13-43

Sermon Date: Sept 14

Study Period: Sept. 8-13

Link Group Meetings: Sept. 14-20

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1. Begin your study by reading Acts 13:13-52.
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2. Who left the missionary team, and why (Acts 13:13)? (Compare 15:36-40)
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3. As the Missionaries arrive in Pisidian Antioch, their first stop is the Synagogue. What do you observe as the pattern of a synagogue service there? (13:14-15)
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4. What opportunity are Paul and Barnabas given? (13:15-16) Why do you think the officials would allow this?
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5. In Acts 13:17-23, Paul gives an overview of Israel's ancient History, starting with their slavery in Egypt, and ending with David. What connection does Paul make between David and Jesus (13:23)?
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6. What was the ministry of John the Baptist (13:24-25)?
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7. What was John's testimony about himself and about Jesus (25)?
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8. What did the Jews unintentionally do when they put Jesus to death (27,29)?

9. Read Acts 13:32-37. Why is Paul using so many Old Testament Scriptures? (13:32-37)

10. What is the contrast between David and Jesus, and why does Paul bring it in to the Sermon? (13:35-37)

11. What must the people do in order to receive forgiveness of sins? (13:38-39)

12. What can people find through Jesus Christ that they cannot find through the Old Testament Law? (39)

13. What final warning does Paul leave them? (40-41)

14. How did the listeners respond to Paul's Sermon (42-43)?

15. What central truth of the Gospel is emphasized in this sermon, and why do you think Paul chose to emphasize it?

16. Before Paul spoke, he was asked to give a word of encouragement. What encouragements do you find in the message?