

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of March 9, 2014

This Week's Focus: The Holy Spirit sends the church overseas to declare the gospel – the church's first missionary journey!

This Week's Text: Acts 13:1-12

*We feel persuaded that all of you are of one mind in this matter, that it is the absolute duty as well as the eminent privilege of the Church to proclaim the gospel to the world. We do not conceive that God will do his own work without instruments, but that, as he has always employed means in the work of the regeneration of this world, he will still continue to do the same, and that it becomes the Church to do its utmost to spread the truth wherever it can reach the ear of man. **Charles Spurgeon***

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. **Acts 1:8***

Related Texts: Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 3:4; Romans 1:16-17; Acts 9:15; Philippians 1:21-26

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- How has God spoken to you regarding the sermon and/or text?
- Why was the incident in chapter 12 important for the church in Antioch?
- Discuss why this church at Antioch was in harmony.
- What held the greatest conviction for the leaders in the church?
- What did the diversity of the leaders say about the message?
- Discuss Manaen and his kinship to Herod Antipas. Discuss the lives of these two men and how they saw God's sovereignty.
- Why did Paul visit the synagogue first on this missionary journey?
- Acts 9:15 gives us Paul's commission and apostleship. Our commission is given in Matthew 28:19-20. How are they similar?
- How was Mark blessed by assisting on this journey? How did he relate it to his Gospel writings?
- Discuss the significance of Paul being called by his Gentile name.

- Why did Paul and Barnabas see Sergius Paulus?
- What does Elymas's hostility represent?
- Discuss Paul's handling of the false prophet.
- Discuss several points we can determine from Sergius Paulus' response to the Gospel.
- Discuss our responsibility concerning the Gospel.

Gospel Celebration:

- Praise God that in Jesus, even those bent on turning people from the Gospel can be transformed by it!

Prayer Focus:

- Look within and repent of any failure to claim the Gospel where we are.
- Be open and willing to share Christ with whomever God calls you to.

Next Week's Text: Atonement