

What's Your Story

Acts 13:13-52

Introductory Question

- Q¹** – What's your story of (choose one): why you did/do the kind of work you did/do?
why you moved or stayed in the place you now live?
why you came to this small group (or this church)?
why/how you came to faith in Jesus?

Discussion Questions

- 1) **Read Acts 13:13-23.** What changes take place in their missionary leadership team before they get to Pisidian Antioch (v.13)? What impact will this later have for Paul & Barnabas (15³⁶⁻⁴¹)?
- 2) Why do they go to the synagogue first (cf. v.46)? What opportunity is presented to them during the synagogue service and what does Paul do with it?
- 3) From verses 17-23, list all the things Paul says God has done. How do God's actions prepare the way for Paul to speak about Jesus in verse 23?
- 4) What is the connection between David and Jesus (cf. Romans 1²⁻⁴)? Why is this so important to Paul (& Peter—Acts 2²⁹⁻³¹)?
- 5) **Read Acts 13:24-37.** What role does John the Baptist play in the story of Jesus that Paul tells (vv.24-25)?
- 6) What things about Jesus does Paul emphasize as he tells his story?

What message is he trying to get across to them?

- 7) **Read Acts 13:38-41.** What application & warning does Paul draw out for them from the Jesus story?

If you were to emphasize one central truth about the Gospel, what would it be? Why?

- 8) **Read Acts 13:42-52.** What kind of response(s) to Paul and Barnabas initially get to their synagogue sermon? What kind of response(s) do they get the next week? Why the difference?
- 9) What kind of positive or negative response(s) have you faced because of your faith?
- 10) What has God gone done lately (for you or someone else) that has "filled you with joy"?