

SENT: Beginning to LIVE on MISSION

Text: Acts 13:4-52

Missional METHOD:

- 1) **GO – NOT “stay”, “wait”, “hope”, “wish” but GO to...:** Acts 13:4; John 20:21; Matthew 28:19a.
- 2) **CONNECT:**
 - a) **Why Cyprus?** Barnabas (Acts 4:36) & others (Acts 11:19)
 - b) **The SYNAGOGUE strategy:** Acts 13:5ab, 14b. See also: Acts 9:20; 14:1; 16:13; 17:1, 10, 17; 18:4, 19:8
 - c) **BEGIN by connecting with Biblically literate spiritual people & your own personal networks (family, neighbors, co-workers)**
- 3) **PROCLAIM God’s WORD:** Acts 13:5a; Hebrews 4:12
- 4) **MOVE intentionally:** Acts 13:6, 13a, 14a
 - a) **OTHERS need to hear:** John 10:16
 - b) **OTHER PLACES and PEOPLES need to hear:** Acts 1:8
- 5) **ENGAGE the spiritually OPEN:** Acts 13:46–47
 - a) **DON’T let REJECTION DISTRACT or DERAILED you:** Acts 13:51
 - b) **OBEY Jesus, ENTRUST them to Him and MOVE:** Luke 9:5
- 6) **CONFRONT:** Acts 13:9–10
 - a) **TELL people of the SPIRITUAL CONSEQUENCES of their rejection of the Gospel – and EXPECT God to work:** Acts 13:11
 - b) **This is SPIRITUAL WAR:** Ephesians 6:12

Missional MESSAGE:

- 1) **REMIND (or with the Biblically illiterate – TEACH) unbelievers:**
 - a) **God CHOOSES people to be His own:** Acts 13:17a
 - b) **God REDEEMS His people, SETTLING them in a promised land:** Acts 13:17c, 19b
 - c) **God GIVES Godly (yet imperfectly sinful) leaders to His people:** Acts 13:20b, 21b, 22
- 2) **TELL the STORY of JESUS!** Acts 13:23, 26
 - a) **Jesus was TESTIFIED to:** Acts 13:25b
 - b) **Jesus was MISUNDERSTOOD, REJECTED and CONDEMNED:** Acts 13:27
 - c) **Jesus was INNOCENT yet EXECUTED:** Acts 13:28
 - d) **Jesus was BURIED but RAISED from the dead by God:** Acts 13:29b–30. See also: v. 31
- 3) **PERSUADE using Biblical EVIDENCE and ARGUMENT:** Acts 13:32–33a. See also: vs. 29a, 33b-37

- 4) **INVITE unbelievers to BELIEVE the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus:** Acts 13:38–39
- 5) **WARN against UNBELIEF:** Acts 13:40–41

Missional MESS – EXPECT SUFFERING & CHALLENGES including...

- 1) **UNCERTAINTY & ILLNESS:** Gal. 4:13. See: Acts 13:13-14, 17:6-10
- 2) **ABANDONMENT:** Acts 13:13b. See also: Acts 15:38; 2 Tim. 4:10, 16
- 3) **OPPOSITION:** Acts 13:6b, 8
- 4) **CONTRADICTION and SLANDER:** Acts 13:45
- 5) **PERSECUTION and REJECTION:** Acts 13:50
- 6) **WE should EXPECT to SUFFER as we carry out Christ’s mission:** John 15:20a. See also: John 16:33; Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 3:12

Missional MULTIPLICATION – EXPECT FRUITFULNESS:

- 1) **Some will SEEK to hear the Good News:** Acts 13:7
- 2) **Some will GIVE OPPORTUNITIES to testify to God’s grace:** Acts 13:15
- 3) **Some will be DESPERATE to hear Good News:** Acts 13:42
- 4) **God can and does DRAW COMMUNITIES to Himself through the Gospel:** Acts 13:44
- 5) **Some will BELIEVE the Gospel of Jesus including...**
 - a) **INFLUENTIAL individuals:** Acts 13:12
 - b) **RELIGIOUS and SPIRITUAL people:** Acts 13:43
 - c) **ALL (including PAGANS) who are appointed by God:** Acts 13:48
- 6) **New believers WILL SPREAD the Gospel:** Acts 13:49
- 7) **The GOSPEL will CHANGE the lives and hearts of ALL who believe:** Acts 13:52

Gospel In Life Group Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?