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Effectively Sharing the Gospel: How to and What to Expect

Acts 13:13-52

NOTES:

To Effectively Share the Gospel, We Must Be Prepared

Acts 13:13 Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, **14** but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. **15** After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." **16** So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen.

Key Elements of the Gospel (from Acts 13:17-41)

1. Jesus the Messiah: The culmination of history (Acts 13:17-23)
2. Jesus the King: The fulfillment of prophecy (Acts 13:24-37)
3. Jesus the Savior: The true justifier of sinners (Acts 13:38-41)

Typical Responses to the Gospel: Where Should We Invest?

1. Look for those filled with curiosity and excitement.

Acts 13:42 As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. **43** And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. **44** The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

2. Be aware of those who jealously dismiss you.

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. **46** And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. **47** For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

3. Look for joyful reception.

Acts 13:48 *And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.*
49 *And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.*

4. Be aware of those who wish to silence you.

Acts 13:50 *But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.* **51** *But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.*

5. Anticipate joy and the Holy Spirit's influence.

Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

Our Strategy for Sharing the Gospel – Step 1:

Identify three nonbelievers that are already a part of your normal life. What level of familiarity do they have with Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity in general? What is their attitude towards your faith? Begin praying daily for them while also asking God to give you opportunity to share with them.

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1. Review the three statements about Jesus (listed under “Key Elements of the Gospel” on the opposite side of this handout). How would you, or can you, briefly explain these statements? If you are in a small group – take time this week to split into pairs and practice explaining these statements.

2. Identify the roadblocks that keep you from sharing the gospel with others? What is needed on your part (alongside God's help) in order for these roadblocks to be eliminated?

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