

The Book of Acts

Study Guide and Discussion Questions

Week 13

Chapter 13-14: Preaching with Power

1. We open the chapter with an account of the believers fasting and praying. How does the Lord answer their praying? What can we learn from this?

2. Notice that Paul and Barnabus (and John Mark) start their preaching in the Synagogue. Why?

3. When the sorcerer stirs up trouble, how does Paul respond?

4. What can we learn from Paul's response to the sorcerer? Remember this is in here for a reason. The Lord wants us to learn something from each account. Why is this account important for us today?

5. What is the result of this act on the proconsul? Ah... so why did this happen? See the pattern when miracles are performed?

6. John Mark leaves for Jerusalem and Paul and Barnabus continue to Pisidian Antioch – the Synagogue leaders ask them for a word. Paul stands up – like Peter has done – and gives a history lesson of the Jews. What is the result of this? Do the Jews accept their teaching of Jesus?

7. We read that there are some Jews who cannot receive the Word they preach. Why? Again – important to remember that the news of Jesus Christ will NOT be received by all as good news. What do Paul and Barnabus do?

8. Notice that the Jews have an issue but who received the word with gladness?

9. Chapter 14 we see Paul and Barnabus in Iconium. And immediately they go to the Temple to preach and a “great number” of both Jews and Greeks received the Lord. Then what?

10. Again there are signs and wonders performed, many believe, Paul and Barnabus are attacked and they escape. This is a pattern that will repeat throughout the Book of Acts. What happens at Lystra?

11. Notice that Paul speaks the word and the miracle is performed. Another reminder to watch our words. Do you ever consider that maybe your own words are hindering your

prayers, your health, your relationships, your finances, your life? Do you speak Life? Do your words agree or disagree with the Words of the Lord? Something to think about.

12. The crowd is so stirred that they call Paul and Barnabus “gods” and attempt to worship them with a sacrifice. After much protesting Paul get the crowd to settle but the Jews manage to stir up enough people against them. They take Paul and drag him out to be stoned. What happens after Paul is stoned? What does he do?

13. They visit the areas they had visited before and this time they appoint church leaders. They move on from there to Antioch and report of all the Lord has done. Why is this important?
