



Acts: The Birth of the Church in the World - Week 1: To the Ends of the Earth

Acts 13:1-52

Discussion Questions for July 12th, 2026

1. (IceBreaker) In the Lord of the Rings movies, when Samwise leaves his home country on an adventure with Frodo, he realizes, "This is the farthest away from home I've ever been." What's the farthest away from home you've ever been?
2. The Scripture for this week is all of Acts chapter 13, so be sure to read it all or recap the highlights with your group. What key moments stood out? What kind of strategy did Paul and his companions use in Pisidian Antioch? How did it work?
3. Google "Paul's First Missionary Journey Map" and familiarize yourself with the route, which looks a bit like the letter C. Today's chapter gets us from one Antioch to another! How far along the journey are we? What would that trip have been like in the first century?
4. **Main Idea: The Message of Jesus is for All the Nations.** Luke 24:47 says that the message of Jesus should be proclaimed "to all nations." What are some obstacles that prevent us from remembering this command? In our current culture, how do we often think of those in other lands that don't know Jesus?
5. **Point #1: Mission Moves Forward Through Faithful, Proven, Spirit-led Servants.** What stands out to you about the way the church recognized and supported God's calling on these missionaries? What can churches today learn from this example?
6. **Point #2: Mission Means Moving Far Enough Where Others Haven't Heard.** Even in a connected world like ours, many people haven't heard the gospel. Where are they located? In which countries? What barriers exist?

7. **Point #3: Mission is Clear, But the Task Remains Unfinished.** How are you supporting the mission to reach the ends of the earth? List some of the ways in which people can join the mission. Are any of these good next steps for you?
8. When Paul preached in Pisidian Antioch, why do you think some people responded with joy while others became jealous and hostile? Do you see that today?
9. Pray together that we become more aware of the breadth and richness of God's created world which includes many people who haven't heard of Jesus yet. Pray for missionaries to be sent and that we would follow the Spirit's leading wherever He leads us.