

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Acts Series

These questions are for the **May 31, 2020** sermon, "Promise Keeper." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 13:13-25) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

WHEN TALKING TO THOSE WHO KNOW THE BIBLE STORIES BUT HAVE NOT TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR, NOTE . . .

1. The Unique Opportunities That We Must Anticipate. (13-15)
 - a. Paul and Barnabas positioned themselves in Pisidian Antioch, in the synagogue.
 - b. God brought an opportunity in the form of an invitation to speak.
 - i. Note that Paul had something to say but restrained himself until invited.
 - ii. Paul had been the persecutor but has now become the bold proclaimer.
 - c. John Mark had just left, which was a major relational disappointment in Paul's life.
2. The Historic Events Which We Must Connect. (16-22)
 - a. Paul identifies with the audience by beginning with God's faithfulness to Israel.
 - i. Paul knows what his audience already knows and provides a plot line of OT.
 - ii. Paul glorifies God in how he has chosen Israel and been faithful in every way.
 - b. Paul strategically connects Genesis to David and then to Jesus.
3. The Promised Messiah That We Must Identify. (23-25)
 - a. God provides an "Offspring" from David (2 Sam 7:12-16) who reigns on David's throne
 - i. He will reign as the ultimate king, forever.
 - ii. That King is Jesus Christ.
 - b. This Jesus came "just as he promised," to Israel, to save them.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Give a practical example of positioning yourself for the purpose of seizing an opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ. Are you strategically positioned? We ask "when" will this happen, and "when will life get back to normal?" But how much time do we invest in "When will God position me to influence people's thinking about Jesus?"
2. Based on #2, above: Paul summarizes the Old Testament in about 4 sentences. Do you have that straight in your head? Work out a brief overview of the OT which you might use in presenting Jesus to one who "knows all the stories." What would you say?
3. Based on #3, above: It is incumbent upon us to be clear: Jesus, and none other, is the Savior of the world. He is the offspring of David, and reigns forever as King of kings on David's throne. Why does this matter? Is it relevant to your children? To your siblings? How can we speak about Jesus in relevant ways to this generation?