

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Acts Series

These questions are for the **June 7, 2020** sermon, "The Crucial Event." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 13:26-41) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE TRACE THE PLOTLINE OF SCRIPTURE TOWARD CHRIST, NOTE . . .

1. The message God has sent (26-27)
 - a. Paul knows his audience's history. He starts with Abraham.
 - b. When an audience knows all the correct information, do not assume they have connected all the spiritual dots. Show them how everything points to Jesus.
2. The work that God has accomplished (28-31)
 - a. The ultimate form of social injustice occurred at the cross, where the unjust put to death the Righteous One. God sent Jesus to die for sinners.
 - b. But God raised Jesus from the dead.
 - c. In the midst of turbulent times, stay cross-centered, for Jesus is God's grace to us.
3. The promise that God has fulfilled (32-37)
 - a. Paul quotes from three OT prophecies to clearly prove Jesus' identity.
 - i. Psalm 2:7; Isa 55:3; Psalm 16:10
 - ii. David has died and seen corruption, but Jesus is alive and well.
 - b. Let your proclamation of God's blessings in this world remain focused upon Jesus.
4. The freedom that God has provided (38-41)
 - a. Freedom is not synonymous with "do what I want" or "independence."
 - b. In Christ we are freed from the power of sin. We can walk away from sin, forgiven!

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Hundreds of years before Christ came, God provided promises, symbols and systems which all pointed to a future Messiah, a person, descended from David, who would be God's Son and inherit David's blessings forever. Let's work on summarizing this message for our audience today. How would you say it to your friend? Your son/daughter? Your neighbor?
2. Based on #2, above: This world will always experience social inequalities and injustices. The answer is for everyone to trust the One who paid for our sins. Jesus is the only Righteous One, and he experienced the ultimate social injustices when unrighteous ones put him to death. In this era of social inequalities, how can we remain focused on Jesus?
3. Based on #3, above: The good news is meant to be shared and proclaimed to all nations, without distinction. The people of God are the light of God to the nations of the earth. How does this commission impact your mindset for how you will live your life tomorrow? God is calling you to spread the good news, to say it. How are you growing in faithfulness?
4. Based on #4, above: Forgiveness from Christ brings freedom. Talk about how you are experiencing freedom from sin because of the forgiveness which comes from Jesus. Have you been freed from fear? Judgmentalism? Racism? Addictions? Gossip? Tell us!