

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## Acts Series

These questions are for the **June 14, 2020** sermon, "The Pivotal Moment." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 13:42-52) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline

WHENEVER THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST DISRUPTS LIFE, NOTE . . .

1. The initial response it produces (42-43)
  - a. As God disrupts a culture, he distinguishes the gospel.
    - i. A disruption is designed by God to glorify his name.
    - ii. The disruption impacted people of all ethnic backgrounds.
  - b. Note the intense emotion! There was begging and urging.
  - c. Paul urges them to continue in the grace of God.
2. The Scriptural promise it presents (44-47, cf. Isa 49:6; Acts 9:15)
  - a. We do not gather to hear from a person(ality), but to hear the Word of the Lord.
  - b. When the gospel is presented, objections and obstacles are inevitable.
  - c. Paul sees God's sovereign hand from the beginning: the Jewish role was always to be a "light to the Gentiles," to hold out the clear, glorious and gracious Promise Keeper.
  - d. The Jews collectively and Jesus particularly are the light to the whole world.
3. The eventual conflicts it creates (48-52)
  - a. The Gospel creates conflicts and we are called to clearly and faithfully proclaim it.
  - b. The faithful ones now left the synagogue (religionists, traditionalists, money-controllers), "shaking the dust off their feet" as they went.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: When disruption to a culture comes, we can be sure God is at work. How might God be using quarantine, COVID and humble discussions about race to extend his kingdom? How can you bring these discussions back to Jesus?
2. Based on #1, above: When we preach Christ, we must present him with passion (urging) and complete confidence, and yet do it humbly. Describe your efforts to hit these goals.
3. Based on #2, above: A faithful presentation of the Word of the Lord must include the uniqueness of Jesus and the fact that he is the one-and-only name, given to us, through whom we must be saved. All the OT promises are fulfilled by Jesus. Do you love this news? Do you "urge" people to receive it? In what way have people misunderstood this news?
4. Based on #3, above: A faithful presentation of Jesus Christ as the only Savior will produce opposition and conflict. We cannot be on mission and not invite and embrace persecution. Do you expect conflict? Do you present Jesus anyways?
5. Based on this message: Share a story you have heard about God at work around the world building his kingdom BECAUSE OF (not merely in spite of) the perceived uncertainties of 2020.