

164. Barnabas and Saul's First Mission Trip (Acts 13:1-52)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You give us salvation and the good news to share with other people. You promise that some people will reject and hate us, You also promise that some people will believe Your good news. Make us faithful and bold, that we will always tell other people about You. We pray in Your name, Amen.

Acts 13:1-3.

- Identify on a map where the prophets and teachers were from. What did this church look like? Hints: remember Barnabas was from Cyprus, Niger means “Black,” and Saul was from Tarsus.
- Who sent Saul and Barnabas to go out and preach?
- What did the church do before sending them?

Acts 13:4-8.

- Why do you think Saul and Barnabas went to Cyprus? (hint – remember where Barnabas was from.)
- Who wanted to hear God's word?
- Who wanted to stop Saul and Barnabas?

Acts 13:9-12.

- What did Paul say about Elymas? What happened to Elymas?
- Was God punishing Elymas, or did God have another reason for making him blind? (Think about what happened to Paul in Damascus.)

Acts 13:13-16,42-43.

- Find Pisidian Antioch on a map. Were Paul and Barnabas in a familiar place now?
- When Paul and Barnabas arrived in Pisidian Antioch, where is the first place they went?
- Were the Jews interested in what Paul said about Jesus?

Acts 13:44-52.

- What happened one week after Paul spoke? Why do you think so many people came to church that day?
- What did the Jews do when they saw all the people come to their church?
- Are there times we feel that God's good news is for us and not for some other people?
- The Jews were angry and spoke against Paul and Barnabas. Did Paul and Barnabas spend a lot of time talking to the Jews and trying to convince them to believe in Jesus?
- God wants us to be faithful witnesses about Jesus. Does that mean if someone will not believe, we must continue witnessing to them until they believe? Or should we sometimes stop and say nothing more?
- After people persecuted the disciples, what was the disciples' attitude?