

# HOME GROUPS

Discussion Questions for **Acts 13**  
Week of January 31<sup>st</sup> - February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up** Where is the craziest place anyone has ever asked you to go? Have you ever been asked to go somewhere far away on a moment's notice?

- In **Acts 13:1-3**, Barnabas and Saul are called by the Holy Spirit to leave Antioch and spread the word. What prepared the church in Antioch to send them? What is it about worship, fasting, and prayer that prepares us to be sensitive to God's leading?
- We see in **Acts 13**, as well as **1 Cor. 1:17-18** and **2:1-2**, the amazing power of God's word in evangelism. These Scriptures also remind us of the simplicity of God's message: it is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. That's it! Often times, we overwhelm ourselves with details when it comes to sharing our faith. How can we, as Christians, simplify our approach so that we remain enthusiastic about proclaiming God's truth? What should be our priority when it comes to evangelism?
- In **Acts 13:16-41** Paul delivers one of the greatest evangelistic messages ever given. He points to history, scripture, prophecy and the recent events surrounding the life, death and resurrection of Jesus to show that anyone who believes in Jesus is forgiven and made whole. Through our faith in Jesus, we are not only forgiven of our sins, we are restored, made whole and placed in a right relationship with God. *What encouragement can we take from Paul's message? What can we learn about sharing our faith from Paul's message?*
- In **Acts 13:42-52** we see blessing and conflict side by side. New believers were being added to the church and the gospel was being proclaimed. At the same time, persecution was very real and intense. In our Christian lives often times both blessing and difficulties co-exist. Have you found this to be true? Why might this perspective be helpful as you navigate through life? What encouragement do these verses in particular bring to you?

**Wrap Up:** Proclaiming the truth about Jesus and what He's done in our lives should become second nature. If you've given your life to God then you are a New Creation in Jesus Christ (**2 Cor. 5:17**). This week choose to share your faith **one time**. Come back prepared to talk about what you learned and how it went!