

February 21 Discussion Questions "Getting God's Guidance" Acts 13:1-12

Preview

"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2

FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR GETTING GOD'S GUIDANCE:

- 1. God's guidance is <u>clearer</u> when we are <u>nearer</u> to God.
- 2. God's guidance is confirmed by the <u>church</u>. (v.3)
- 3. God's guidance rarely comes in <u>full</u> <u>measure</u>. (v.4-5)
- 4. God's guidance is not held in question by **opposition**. (v.6-12)

"Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord." Acts 13:12

Connect

1. Share a time when you got lost. How did you feel? How did it end?

Pray & Read Acts 13:1-12

Discuss

- 2. What were the church leaders doing when the Holy Spirit gave them guidance? What does this communicate about the way we receive God's guidance?
- 3. What is the church's role in receiving God's guidance? How have you experienced this?
- 4. In what way is it true that God has already given us all the guidance we need? Do you think this should bring us peace? What additional guidance might we want? Give examples from your own life.

- 5. Paul and Barnabas didn't seem to have full assurance they should go to Cyprus first. Why is it a good thing that God doesn't reveal His full plan to us?
- 6. Can you recall a time you lived by faith while following God's leading? What was that like? How did it grow your faith?
- 7. What are some indicators that God might be leading someone to do something specific? Use examples from Scripture to confirm your thoughts. Can you relate to some of these?
- 8. Who did Paul and Barnabas encounter while sharing the Gospel with the proconsul? What did he try to do? What does this communicate about our pursuit of fulfilling God's will?
- 9. Share a time you encountered opposition that made you question God's leading. What did you decide to do?

Apply

- 10. What specific guidance from God are you seeking right now?
- 11. How are you struggling to understand God's guidance in your life right now? Spend time processing as a group how God might be leading.

Missional Check-In

- 12. How have you seen God at work this past week?
- 13. What opportunities did you have this week to shine His light?
- 14. What is one intentional step you can take this coming week to be a witness for Christ?

Prayer

Spend time praying as a group for God's leading in the specific areas shared above.

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Please pray that the missionary families supported by Oakwood are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the Unstoppable Gospel.