

# Set Apart & Sent Off

STUDY GUIDE • ACTS 13:26-41

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# The Power Behind Success in Missions

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### WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

#### Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member to think of something that is widely misunderstood or surrounded by misconceptions. Why is this so?

### **WORSHIP:** Adoring Our God

#### Suggested songs:

- <u>Crown Him with</u> <u>Many Crowns</u>
- And Can It Be, That I Should Gain
- Because He Lives

# **WORD & WALK:** Understanding & Applying the Word

#### LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will believe that Christ died and was raised from the dead.
- 2. GG members will place their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation from sin.
- 3. GG members will proclaim the message of salvation to others.

#### INTRODUCTION

In the previous lesson, we saw Paul proclaim how God had been gracious and faithful to Israel throughout their history as a nation. God's grace and faithfulness culminated in the person of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah. In this lesson, we will learn the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

# Paul proved that Jesus' death and resurrection was prophesied in scriptures (vv. 26-37)

- How did Paul describe the Israelites in Jerusalem, together with their leaders, with regards to what they thought about Jesus Christ? (cf. Acts 3:17; John 5:39-40)
- What did they do to Jesus Christ because they didn't recognize Him? (cf. Acts 3:13-14; Luke 23:21-25) What did the scriptures prophesy about what they did? (cf. Psalm 22:16-18; Luke 23:34-35)
- 3. What happened after Jesus died? What did the scriptures prophesy about this? (cf. Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60)
- 4. What did God do to Jesus Christ three days after He died?
- 5. To whom did Jesus Christ appear after He had been resurrected? (cf. Acts 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:5-8)
- What did these people do about what they have experienced? (cf. Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- 7. What do the scriptures quoted by Paul say about Jesus Christ? (On David's blessings, see 2 Samuel 7:14-16)
- 8. How did Paul contrast David with Jesus? What does it tell you about Jesus?

#### APPLICATION

- The Jewish leaders were seriously studying scriptures, but they didn't understand what it had to say about Jesus Christ. What do you do when you read and study the Bible so that you may correctly understand what it is saying?
- 2. What are your thoughts on Christ's death and how it fulfilled prophecies in scriptures?
- 3. The resurrection of Christ is at the heart of Christianity. What are your thoughts on this in light of scriptures prophesying it and witnesses to this supernatural event?

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4. Though believers in this age have not witnessed firsthand the resurrection of Christ, we have in scriptures the testimony of those who have. We are also called to be Christ's witnesses to the people around us. How are you witnessing to others about Jesus Christ?

#### Paul called people to faith in Jesus Christ (vv. 38-41)

- Acconding to Paul, how can people receive forgiveness of sins? (cf. Acts 2:38; 10:43)
- 2. How did Paul contrast faith in Christ with obedience to the law of Moses? (cf. Romans 3:20-22; Galatians 2:16)
- 3. What did Paul warn the people against? (cf. John 10:24-26; 12:37-40)

#### APPLICATION

- 1. Paul proclaimed that faith in Jesus Christ, not obedience to God's commands, that brings forgiveness of sins. What are your thoughts regarding this?
- 2. If you have not yet placed your faith in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins, what is keeping you from believing in Him?

#### PRAYER ITEM

Pray for those in the group, if any, who have yet to place their faith in Jesus Christ, that they may come to a resolution regarding the things keeping them from believing in Jesus Christ. Pray for one another, that you may be witnesses of Christ to the people around you.



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