

## What's Next? | Acts 13-14 2021 Fall #2

**Announcements:** Let the group know your calendar- breaks, ending date, etc. Maybe print a copy.

**Administration:** Create a roster for your group and distribute on 1st or 2nd week so folks can communicate. You might set up the Group Me app to share prayer requests during the week.

**Tips:** Share responsibilities to create ownership in the group. Ideas: Ask for someone to send prayer requests after the meeting. Ask another to call those absent. Ask another to choose a song to sing next week and print a song sheet. Ask another to set up a refreshment schedule. Rotate hosting, Rotate facilitating.

### My Story Questions

*These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.*

- 1) If you had to live for the rest of your life in any one city in America, where would it be and why?
- 2) Tell of a mishap or challenge you had when travelling.

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

#### **Read Acts 13**

- 1) List verses where the Holy Spirit empowers the disciples and/or directs the story.
- 2) What part does fasting and praying play in 'hearing' the Holy Spirit's direction (13:3, See also 14:23)? Share your experience.
- 3) How does Paul link the Old Testament story to Jesus' story in 15-39
- 4) What did Paul emphasize in his summation and how would you say it in your own words.
- 5) What do you learn about the importance of knowing the Word of God. (Joshua 1:8)?

#### **Read Acts 14**

- 6) The response to the message was divided (14:4). Where else do you see these two responses?
- 7) How do you understand why some choose faith and others reject (Acts 13:48, John 3:5-8)?
- 8) For whom you could be praying to receive the message of Salvation.
- 9) What do Paul's actions in v21-22 show about his loving concern? Strategy?
- 10) What can you do to strengthen and encourage others to persevere - pastors, college students, caregivers?
- 11) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and ask God how you might be an encouragement?
- 12) List all the types of opposition and hardship the disciple faced on this mission?
- 13) Tell of a time when the Holy Spirit enabled you to persevere. (Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-10)

### Responding to Jesus

*These questions are meant for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) Lord, How can I lean more on your Holy Spirit in my present trial? Is prayer or fasting part of that?
- 2) Lord, what is the one thing you want me to learn and apply from this lesson?

### Further Challenge

- 1) Use a concordance to look up verses about fasting and try it over one meal. Listen for His voice.