

## Small Group Questions

February 23, 2020

1. In Acts 13:16-47 Paul preaches this sermon:
  - a. God is sovereign over all things – 13:17
  - b. God is just – 13:19
  - c. God is patient at the same time – 13:18
  - d. God leads his people – 13:20-22
  - e. God is the God of Salvation – 13:17
  - f. God makes promises – 13:23
  - g. God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus Christ
2. Share questions or thoughts about these attributes of God that Paul presented.
3. What universal truths do you take from this?
4. What six ways does Paul say that Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises? Hint – They are found in verses 23-29.
5. What reactions did Paul and Barnabas receive?
6. What significance do you take from verse 48? “...all who were appointed for eternal life believed.” What conclusions do you draw from this statement?
7. What significance do you take from verse 50? What were the reactions to Paul’s preaching? Why did they experience these reactions? Why did Luke bring up the point about “God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city?”
8. Verse 49 says “The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.” What was the word of the Lord that spread?
9. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus taught about two concepts that should have been true of Israel, but weren’t, two concepts that he said should be true of citizens of God’s kingdom. What are those concepts?
10. Should those concepts be true of us today? Why?
11. Paul’s sermons about the word of the Lord caused two reactions: 1) happiness, faith, joy. 2) bitterness, hatred, physical and mental attacks on Paul and his traveling companions.
12. Jesus took the rules that governed the people and turned them on their heads, changing them. Paul taught that the heart of faith and love, based on Jesus, was the way to live. What do you put your faith in, rules or the concept of salt and light?