

Sermon Discussion Questions: "Through the Open Door"

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Acts 13 and 14

- If somebody were to ask you to describe the mission of the church, what would you tell them?
- Given your definition of the church's mission, how have you engaged in it?

*"Israel was not chosen because they were special. They were special because they were chosen."*

~Pastor Bob

- The Gospel is not exclusive to a particular people group, but available to all. Are there any people groups that we as a church or we as individuals exclude (intentionally or unintentionally)?
- In Acts 13:2-4 Barnabas and Saul were specifically called to begin their missionary journey in Cyprus, which was Barnabas' hometown. When has God called you to a specific place or opportunity to share the Gospel?
- In Acts 13:9, Luke refers to Saul as Paul for the first time. Saul was his given name as a Jew. Paul was his Greco-Roman name. What might be the significance of his name change?

Read Acts 13:16-31.

- What stands out to you in 13:26? In 13:27? In 13:38-39?
- If you had heard Paul's sermon, what might you have thought if you were a Jew? What might you have thought if you were a Gentile?
- As their missionary journey continued, Paul and Barnabas' unique skills and strengths became apparent - Paul as the evangelist and preacher; Barnabas as the pastor and encourager. How has God used your unique skills and strengths to further His mission?

*"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."*

~Frederick Buechner

- How does Frederick Buechner's quote reflect God's calling in your life?