



The First Missionary Journey

Acts 13:1-14:28

A. The Call to Mission...

1. began with a prayer meeting.

“Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.” Acts 13:1 (NIV)

2. was administered by the Holy Spirit.

“While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work which I have called them.’” Acts 13:2-3 (NIV)

3. showed us that the mission involves all.

“So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” Acts 13:3 (NIV)

B. The Message Amidst Opposition.

1. Elymas the Sorcerer – Judgement

“But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ‘You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.’”

Acts 13:8-11a (NIV)

2. John Mark – Desertion

“From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.”

Acts 13:13 (NIV)

3. Jewish leaders – Persecution

“The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 13:49-52 (NIV)

C. Modern Day Lessons From Journey #1

1. Hardship is always a part of discipleship.

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NIV)

2. Worship is always a part of discipleship.

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.”

Psalms 95:6-7 (NLT)

3. Teamship is always a part of discipleship.

“And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.” Matthew 10:1 (ESV)

4. Prayerfastship is the lifestyle of discipleship.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances’ for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

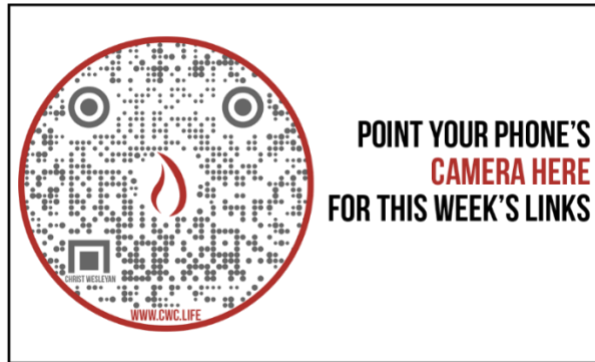
Bottom Line:

Our differences enrich the shared message within us.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: “impACTS”
Week 5: Paul’s Second Missionary Journey
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 73.9% of goal

Giving year to date: 83.5% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,784

Salvations to date: 42 | Baptisms to date: 35

Upcoming Happenings:

September 11: Mid-Week Groups/Kidz – 6:30p

September 21: Valley Worship Night – 6:00p

October 12: Food Packing Party

October 25: Trunk or Treat – 6:30p

Notetakers are History Makers