

Small Group Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth.*
Acts 13:1-12

Opening Question: Discuss your belief in the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? (Suggested Reading: Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit. –Francis Chan)

1. The ministry of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 13:1-3)

- Discuss the doctrine of the Trinity. Share verses that have given you clarity and/or encouragement on this topic.
- Have you ever felt like the Holy Spirit called you or specifically set you apart for a work? Define and discuss being obedient to the Holy Spirit as both individuals and the church.

2. Proclaiming the Word of God. (Acts 13:4-5)

- Discuss what “proclaiming the Word of God” should look like in our own lives today?
- Discuss why you think Barnabas and Paul started in the Synagogues?

3. Opposition to the gospel. (Acts 13:6-8)

- Who was Bar-Jesus? What do we know about him? What does this teach about the Synagogue he attended?
- Give modern examples of Bar-Jesus. Are there people in the Christian church today that align more with the ministry of Bar-Jesus than Jesus Christ?

4. Saul, who was called Paul, boldly rebukes. (Acts 13:9-12)

- How does Paul model 2 Timothy 1:6-7?
- Paul is very bold and public in his rebuke of Bar-Jesus. What would this look like today? Do we still do this? Why or why not?
- Discuss the 4 aspects of this section: Character, Actions, Judgment and Result. How do we see each aspect in Paul’s rebuke of Bar-Jesus?
- What does this story teach us about being the church?