

Small Group Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth.*
Acts 13:13-52

Opening Question: Define and discuss what it looks like to be committed to the gospel in both words and action.

1. Commitment to the gospel. (Acts 13:13-14)

- Paul committed his life to the gospel. He traveled, he preached, he made disciples and wrote letters. What can we learn from Paul's commitment? (Also, refer to handout.)
- Contrast Saul with Paul, what do we learn about the role of the Holy Spirit in the impartation of the gospel?

2. Communication of the gospel. (Acts 13:14-51)

- In this passage Paul gives a powerful sermon. Take time as a group to break down the sermon into sections and discuss:
 - 1) **Jesus is the climax of covenant history.** (13:16-25)
Why is this true? What is covenant? Why does Paul bring up the Mosaic covenant? What made the Davidic covenant so powerful? What Messianic proofs does Paul give to affirm Jesus as the Christ?
 - 2) **Israel didn't see the forest for the trees.** (13:26-37)
What was the Abrahamic covenant? Why did Paul bring it up? How would the Mosaic and Abrahamic covenant have defined Israel? How did Israel sin? What was the GOOD NEWS Paul preached?
 - 3) **Grace provides salvation instead of damnation.** (13:38-41)
How did he contrast grace in Christ the Messiah with the Law of God? How does he use Habakkuk 1:5 to stress his point of eternal life in Christ?

3. Continue in the gospel or contradict it. (Acts 13:42-52)

- Give examples of people who continue in the gospel and those who contradict it. Discuss why? Share personal examples; take time to pray for those in need of salvation!
- If time allows, lovingly discuss election in Christ. ☺