

Study Guide for April 24th, 2005. Acts 13:13-31. A Pattern for Evangelism.

Introduction: What aspects of the gospel need highlighting today in our culture?

I. An Invitation to Speak: (Acts 13:13-15)

- A. What happens when they arrive in Pamphylia? (Acts 15:37-39 for Paul's eval.)
- B. Where do Paul and Barnabus go first? What day of the week is it?
- C. Paul receives an invitation to speak and uses it to proclaim the gospel. Reflect on I Pet.3:15-16a, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." What could lead to more invitations for you to speak?

II. An Overview of Israel's History: (Acts 13:16-22)

- A. Number the periods of Israel's history that Paul mentions from earliest to latest.
___: Conquest. ___: Growth in Egypt. ___: Patriarchs. ___: Desert wanderings.
___: Exodus from Egypt. ___: Monarchy. ___: Division of land. ___: Judges.
- B. Note: The 450 years is approximate. It is probably the sum of 400 (Exile in Egypt) + 40 (Wanderings in the Wilderness) + 10 (Conquest of the land). How does Paul emphasize that God is the one directing Israel's history?
- C. Prov. 16:4 reads, "The Lord works out everything for his own ends—even the wicked for a day of disaster." How have you seen this to be true?

III. An Introduction to the Savior: (Acts 13:23-25)

- A. Paul emphasizes that Jesus descended from _____. Why does he do this?
- B. Paul says John preached _____. Why is this important in Paul's speech?
- C. Give an example of an individual you would like to share the gospel with and some of the aspects of the gospel you'd need to highlight for that individual.

IV. An Explanation of the Gospel: (Acts 13:26-31)

- A. What does Paul conclude about the people of Jerusalem in Jesus' day?
- B. How does Paul summarize the facts of the gospel message? (vs. 28-31)
- C. The message of salvation has been sent ___ ___ (vs. 26). How did you receive it?