

An Unstoppable Force

Acts 13.1-12

Focus: on trusting the Spirit's work in empowering the church to bear Christ's message even in the face of evil opposition



Here is a summary of ch. 9 on fasting from Donald Whitney's book, "Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life".

You may want to share this with your group before you meet so you can discuss it together.

http://christredeemerchurch.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Fasting_for_the_Purpose_of_Godliness.pdf

this link is a good lenten devotional that has a good explanation of lent in the intro. and preface:

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgc/files/2013/02/Journey-to-the-Cross.pdf>

for a full list of Lenten resources, click here:

<http://www.northwake.com/leadership/easterlent-resources/>

Discussion:

- How ought the promises of Acts 1:8 and Rev. 5.9-10 affect the way we share Christ with others?
- Read Acts 13.1-12. How is this passage a fulfillment of these promises?
- What do you learn about discerning God's call to missionaries from this passage? How is the Spirit at work in and through the church in this process?
- What do you think of the example of the church and her leaders fasting in this passage? Is this something you think God would have you explore? Discuss how this might connect to the upcoming season of Lent (Lent begins on 2/18).
- How does the outcome of the conflict between Paul and Elymas encourage you in sharing the gospel with someone when there is significant spiritual opposition?
- Be sensitive to applications that revolve around the calling of the Spirit, fasting and prayer, and spiritual power in evangelism. Spend time praying for one another as the Spirit leads.

2014-2015 Acts Focus

To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.