

## Family Discipleship Resource

Apr 19-25

(Acts 13:44-52)



### **G** – Gather for Prayer

*Father,*

*Thank you for reaching me with the gospel and granting me ears to hear and respond accordingly. Give me boldness to share the gospel with others.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **R** – Read the Text (Acts 13:44-52)

*<sup>44</sup>The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup>But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming. <sup>46</sup>Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup>For so the Lord has commanded us,*

*'I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles,  
That You may bring salvation to the end of the earth.'"*

*<sup>48</sup>When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup>And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. <sup>50</sup>But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. <sup>51</sup>But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup>And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

### **O** – Observe what God has said

***Describe the competing attitudes of those assembled. Why did people feel this way?***

***What did the church see in response to the gospel (both positive and negative)?***

***How should the church react when it faces rejection?***

### **W** – Work on Application

For those who have already embraced it are you sharing it, like Paul and Barnabas did, with complete confidence? If not, why? People might refuse it? Shake the dust off and go to the next person? Persecution might result? Remember who goes with you (the Holy Spirit) and the joy that you have (in Christ).

***What excuses are given for not sharing the gospel?***

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***How does this passage remove these excuses?***

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit”-Acts 13:52*