

Bible Summary- Acts 13

First Christian Church Liturgy

God puts together His team in Acts and we see the roll call in Acts 13:1-4. This leadership group will be instrumental in transforming the Roman Empire. Their diversity in culture, experience and ethnicity help fuel this church body to become the primary center for the rest of Acts and later Antioch is called the “cradle of Christian theology”. This short section demonstrates they were active in church life and courageous in mission.

Scriptures: Acts 13:1-4; 1 Corinthians 16:10-11; 2 Chronicles 20:1-30; Jeremiah 1:6; Ezekiel 3:15; Jonah 1:1-3; 1 John 4:18

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday’s teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Matt said, “the friends you have will push you to greatness or pull you to hell”.
 - a. Share a time when friendships have influenced you either negatively or positively.
 - b. Is it possible God is calling you to expand and/or diversify your friendships? If so, how would you go about doing that?
3. Fasting is an important biblical theme.
 - a. If you’re not fasting, what hurdles would you need to deal with to start fasting?
 - b. If you do fast presently, what are some ways fasting has encouraged your faith?
4. Matt said, “we are afraid that if we give ourselves 100% to God, He’s going to make our life a bummer.” Discuss as a group why we might feel that way.
5. 1 John 4:18a says, “there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”
 - a. What is perfect love?
 - b. Why would that cast out fear?
6. Saying yes to hard things is challenging, but fulfilling. Can you share a time when you said yes to God in a super challenging situation that enriched your life?