



Shake off the Dust - Acts 13:13-52

1. In Acts 13:15-41, Paul gives a sermon to those in attendance at the local Synagogue in Perga. Seeing as those in attendance were predominantly Jews, Paul goes into Jewish history before presenting the Gospel. How important is it for us to know our audience when we are sharing the Gospel with others? What are some different approaches that we can employ with varying types of people?
2. In Acts 13:27, Paul effectively communicates that the Jewish people living in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus fulfilled scripture by condemning Jesus to die. How did those who studied the scriptures for a living miss their Messiah? What can we learn from their mistakes that can help us to avoid missing what Jesus has called us to do?
3. Read Acts 13:48-50. In this section of scripture, we see two vastly different reactions to the Gospel. Seeing that the Gospel will always produce a mixed response, how does that encourage us to continue to be bold with the Gospel?
4. Read Acts 13:51. What should our reaction be to those who reject the Gospel? How do we get over our fear of being rejected?
5. In Acts 13:39, Paul makes the bold statement that the Law of Moses will never make you truly free. In this short statement, Paul dismantles the common understanding that it was only through the Law of Moses that one can be saved.

Read Galatians 2:16, Romans 3:20, Galatians 3:11-14, Galatians 3:24, and Hebrews 7:19.

How are we saved? How did the Law of Moses play a part in our understanding of true salvation through Jesus Christ?
6. The early church endured much to proclaim the Gospel. It even says here at the end of Acts 13 that they began to suffer more as they went. What is your mission field? Where do you endure for the Gospel?