

TIMOTHY TEAM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
The Book of Acts: Spread the Fire!
Session 14: Barnabas and Saul – THE ENCOURAGING WORD! Teacher Notes
Acts 11:25-26; 12:24 ;13:1-48 (49)
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**BIG IDEA: God’s WORD, Empowered by the SPIRIT, is
UNSTOPPABLE! And Always ENCOURAGING.**

HOW THE WORD OF GOD GROWS AND MULTIPLIES

1. The PROPHETIC WORD is HEARD, SPOKEN and IMPARTED! Acts 13: 1-3

A. A Multi-cultural Team of Prophets and Teachers

**B. Ministering to the LORD while Fasting and Praying!
Exodus 19:6 , 1 Peter 2:9**

**TABLE TALK DISCUSSION: “Ministering to the Lord”
-- How do you minister to the LORD?**

-- Are you ministering to the LORD?

-- If not, what difference would it make if you started?

C. Sent out as Ambassadors!

2. Start At HOME and Bring a FRIEND! Acts 13: 4-12 -- Map

A. Look to See Where God is Already at Work! Acts 13: 4-7

B. Make the Adjustments to Join Him! Acts 13:7

C. Do Not Be Intimidated By the Enemy But Seek

and Speak God’s Prophetic Word! Acts 13:8-11

D. Do Not Let the VOICES of This WORLD

Keep Your Loved One in DARKNESS! Acts 17:26-28

**E. Trust God to KEEP His Word and ASTONISH People! Acts 13:12,
Mark 16: 15-20, esp. 20**

TABLE TALK DISCUSSION: What “voices” of the world threaten to keep your loved ones in darkness? What can/will you do?

3. PROCLAIM The WORD of ENCOURAGEMENT! Acts 13: 13-41, esp. v. 15 Paul’s First Recorded Sermon! Reasons to Believe and Receive JESUS!

A. The Promised Word of Salvation, JESUS, Has Been Sent to You!
Acts 13: 14-26

B. The WORD/SEED was Crucified, dead, and buried/planted! Vs. 28-29

C. God RAISED UP the WORD! Vs. 30, see 1 Cor. 15: 35-58

D. We are Witnesses of this Good News for you! Acts 13: 31-32

1) Scripture foretold the Resurrection Acts 13:33-35

2) David was not talking about himself! Acts 13: 36-37

Note: Are you seeking to serve your generation according to God’s will before you die?

3) Through Jesus Alone is Forgiveness of Sins. Acts 13:38-29

4) Good Works (the Law of Moses) can’t make you right with God.

5) Despise this Word and you will Perish! Acts. 13: 40-41

4. PERSUADE BELIEVERS TO CONTINUE IN THE GRACE OF GOD!
Acts 13: 42-48

A. Warn Those Who Oppose and Reject the Gospel. Acts 13: 44-46

B. Remember, the Revelation and Salvation of God Come Through the Jewish People – Honor and Pray for them, don’t persecute!

CLOSE: Do these things and vs. 49 will be a reality ...

TABLE TALK DISCUSSION:

What makes you worthy of eternal life? (vs. 46)

Do you honor/glorify the Word of the Lord? Why or Why not? If so, how? (vs. 48)

Have you believed and received? See John 1:12

NEXT STEP: I will be a light for the people ... I will be for the salvation of the ends of the earth! (vs. 7)

NEXT WEEK: Lesson 15: The First Journey Continues, Acts 13: 49-52; 14: 1-28