

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Acts 13-14

Read Acts 13:1-12

1. Why did Barnabas and Saul get in a boat and go on a journey? (there should be several answers to this one)
2. What is it that convinced Sergius Paulus to believe? What was it that astonished him?
3. Who's teaching is astonished at? How do we make sense of that?

Read Acts 13:13-41

4. Why do Paul and Barnabas go the Jewish synagogue and listen to a bible reading? Why do the Jewish leaders ask Paul if he would like to speak?
5. What does Paul's sermon consist of? What would you say is his main point?
6. What do you think would have been the emotional response of the people listening to Paul in the synagogue?

Read Acts 13:42-52

7. What is 'the word of the Lord'? (v12, v44, v46, v48, v49)
8. What caused the Jews to reject the message? What are some of the things that cause people these days to reject the message?
9. Why did the word of the Lord need to go first to the Jews then to the Gentiles? (v46) Should that principle hold true today?

Read Acts 14

10. Why are Paul and Barnabas treated like Gods?
11. Why is Paul pursued and stoned by the Jews from Antioch and Iconium? Why does the gospel invoke such strong reactions from people? Do we see people reacting this strongly today?
12. What do these two chapters tell us about the way we live as Christians today?