

CONVERSATION GUIDE



VICTORY WEEK FOUR

SCRIPTURE Acts 13:44-52

Address to the Gentiles

⁴⁴ On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

⁴⁵ When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. ⁴⁶ Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.'" ⁴⁸ The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, ⁴⁹ and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. ⁵⁰ The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory.

⁵¹ So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² The disciples were filled with joy and the holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What about Paul's story or personality resonates with you?
2. What about your childhood or early formation might God want to use for good? Who does it position you to influence for Christ?
3. What are your top two or three gifts and strengths? How might you use them to influence people for Christ?
4. Read Acts 13:46-49. What do you think Paul was feeling at this moment? How was God redeeming his past?
5. How much do you struggle with perfectionism on a scale of 1-5? Why do you answer as you do? How does this impact your relationship with God and others?

Deeper Dive

Is there a time in your life that feels like it was wasted that you would like God to redeem?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:8-11. What do we learn about Paul from these verses?

**From today's message,
is there a...**

- Scripture to ponder?
- Prayer to pray?
- Action to take?
- Conversation to start?
- Mindset to change?

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