

The Power of the Church

Acts 12:25-13:12

“The more things _____, the more they stay the _____”

For what really matters, where do you put your hope for meaningful _____?

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

What Jesus _____ and _____

Especially His life, death, and resurrection

Acts

What Jesus continued to _____ and to _____ through His people by the power of the _____; Acts 1:8

The Good News

Because of Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection, every person can be entirely _____, restored to a relationship of _____ with God, at deep _____ with God, and given the promise of eternal life of health and _____, all as a _____ of love from God to us

Acts 12:25-13:12

12:25: Barnabas & Saul return to _____: the new “center”

They had travelled from Antioch to Jerusalem with money to provide _____ to the poor

John (also known as Mark)

Barnabas’s _____

In a prominent family in _____ church in Jerusalem

From now on, the _____ + _____ church in Antioch is the “center” of the Christian church

13:1-3: The _____ calls the church to send Barnabas & Saul for the Spirit’s work

_____ leadership of the Antioch church: race, ethnicity, age, _____ to Antioch

Intentional & _____ worship and prayer

The Holy Spirit calls _____ to join His plan for Barnabas & Saul

The Church _____ them and provides for them

4-5: B&S proclaimed the Good News across _____

Good _____:

Antioch church had connections on _____

_____ was from Cyprus

Synagogues had Jews & Gentiles who expected the Messiah and believed _____

Not clear if the Holy Spirit explicitly _____ them

_____ (Mark) joined them

6-8: Interest and _____ to the Good News

Opposition: Bar-Jesus (“son of Jesus/Joshua”)

_____ (Elymas), Jewish, false prophet

Interest: Sergius-Paulus (top Roman authority)

Elymas tried to stop _____ in Christ

9-12: Saul (Paul) silences Elymas and Sergius _____

Filled with the Spirit=with the _____ of God

Declaring truth of Elymas’s _____ to God

Declaring God’s powerful yet gracious _____

Sergius Paulus _____: Amazed at teaching about Jesus

The Big Idea:

The progress of the Good News of Jesus Christ comes through _____-filled messengers who _____ (and live) the Gospel with great faith and _____

Progress

Knowledge → Belief → _____

Individual & Community; John 3:8; Isaiah 55:12; Acts 1:8

Application:

Have strong faith and high _____ for the progress of the Gospel in the Spirit

High expectations: Maybe not “fast” or “big”

Rather: God _____ & _____

In ourselves _____, then for others

Jesus said, “First take the log out of your own eye, so then you can see to help others...” *Matthew 7:5*

Faith-filled _____

Intentional, expectant, persistent, listening

Embodied in various _____ expressions

Faith-filled _____

Natural and _____ wisdom

Listen for and follow the _____

Watch for God’s work through _____ means

Anticipate and “_____” of God’s action

Like Peter saying, “Ask me to _____ on _____ to you...”

Reflection

Where do you long to see and experience the Good News of the loving presence of God?

What will faith-filled prayer and faith-filled action look like for you this week?