

# First Missionary Journey

Acts 13-15

## The Journey:

1. Paul and Barnabas typically make the Jewish synagogue their first stop in a new city. What are some reasons why this makes sense?
  
2. Read Paul's sermon at your table: Acts 13:16-41:
  - a. What are his major points?
  
  - b. Why do you think he chose these points?
  
3. Note the two reactions that the gospel message produces.
  
4. The apostles "shook the dust off their feet" when they left. Discuss:
  - a. What does this mean?
  
  - b. What might be a parallel modern situation?
  
5. Jesus performed miracles to demonstrate his deity. What is one purpose miracles serve when God performs them through his prophets and apostles?
  
6. What are some big picture lessons about evangelism we can learn from observing the work of Paul and his associates?

## The Aftermath:

1. Why did the Jews want the Gentiles to obey the law of Moses?
2. What is the point of Peter's response?
3. Read the letter written to the Gentiles: Acts 15:23-29:
  - a. What is Christian Freedom?
  - b. How does the letter give wise advice to both sides on exercising Christian Freedom?
4. Make some connections between Christian Freedom and spreading the gospel.

