CVC Life Group Guide — Acts 13:1–52 Sent by the Spirit: Called. Sent. Faithful.

Opening Question: Have you ever had to leave something familiar and comfortable in order to move forward into something new?

1. Read Acts 13:1–4 — Called & Sent

1. What stands out to you about the way God called Barnabas and Saul?

2. Why do you think the Holy Spirit spoke while the church was worshiping, fasting, and praying?

3. What does this teach us about discovering God's direction for our lives?

“Lord, what do You want to do through my life?” Are You Listening?

1. What are some of the things that make it difficult for us to hear God clearly today?

Possible answers: busyness, phones, entertainment, work, anxiety, noise, distractions, our own plans.

2. What does “listening to God” practically look like for a Christian?

3. How can Scripture help us distinguish God's voice from our own desires or cultural voices?

4. Is there a difference between waiting for God to reveal something dramatic and simply being faithful with what He has already placed in front of us?

We don't always need to know the next five years. Sometimes obedience begins with the next five minutes.

2.Read Acts 13:4–12

1. What opportunities did Paul and Barnabas encounter once they actually went?

2. Why do you think we sometimes pray for God to “send someone” when He may be asking us to be that someone?

Who has God already placed within your reach?

you're going. It may be where you already are.

3. Read Acts 13:38–39.

1. What makes the message of forgiveness through Jesus such good news?

2. Why do people sometimes try to earn their worth or prove themselves—even religiously?

3. How is the gospel different from simply becoming a “better person”?

4. Read Acts 13:42–49

Why is it important for us to understand that faithfulness doesn't always produce the response we hope for?

5. Read Acts 13:50–52.

1. What is surprising about verse 52 ?

2. What had just happened?

3. 2. Why do we sometimes assume that if we're following God's will, everything should become easier?

4. What does Acts 13 teach us about the relationship between obedience and difficulty?

The presence of storms doesn't necessarily mean you've missed God's direction.

Where are you tempted to interpret difficulty as evidence that God isn't with you?.

Ask everyone to consider these three questions:

1. Am I listening?

Am I making room to pray, worship, read Scripture, and hear what God is asking me to obey?

2. Where am I being sent?

Who has God placed directly in front of me?

3. Am I willing to remain faithful?

Will I continue to follow Jesus even when the response isn't what I hoped for?