

Bold and Powerful
Week's reading: Acts 13:1-52
Discussion Guide: October 29, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: But the word of God continued to spread and flourish. - Acts 12:24

How did you live like God was in control this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Acts 13:1-12

- What was the leadership in the church of Antioch like?
 - o What spiritual disciplines were they practicing?
- What do you think the connection is between fasting and hearing the Holy Spirit?
- What preceded Paul and Barnabas's missionary journey?
 - o What is the purpose of fasting?
 - o Why should Christians develop a discipline of doing so?
- When should leaders lay hands on and pray over members of the church?
- What are some ways that people oppose the gospel?
- How does Paul respond to sin here?
 - o What can we learn from that?
- What is significant about Saul's name being changed to Paul in this passage?

APPLY:

- In what way can you start the discipline of prayer and fasting?
- Do you find it more difficult to hear the Spirit or to respond to His prodding?

- In what ways can we be tempted to pervert the ways of the Lord?
 - o How do we combat this?

- NEXT STEP: In what situation or circumstance do you need the Holy Spirit's guidance this week?
 - o What steps can you take to be more responsive to the call of the Spirit?

Memory Work:

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. - Acts 13:3

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 14:1-15:41