

## **King Jesus Deploys His Forces to Ends of Earth**

- 1. Holy Spirit Sends Missionaries Through Church (1-4).**
- 2. Proclaiming Word of God They Meet Resistance (4-8).**
- 3. God's Blessings/Curses Displayed for All to See (9-12).**

We begin the missionary journeys with very clear direction from the Holy Spirit to His people. Just as promised King Jesus is sending His witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and *now* the ends of the earth. They bring the Word of God which necessarily brings blessing and curse to all who hear it. He is able to convert the lowly and the exalted, but all must bow before the true King.

## Galatians 5: 16 – 24

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

### Acts—Series Overview

#### ***The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power***

*Acts* records God's faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit's direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Christ as King sets apart all of His people for His holy purposes. He also sets apart specific people to go as missionaries to the ends of the earth. He starts here with Barnabas and Paul. They are met with both faith and opposition and Christ is praised in it all.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 13:1-12; Galatians 5:16-24; First Thessalonians 2:13-16.** DISCUSS, How does King Jesus' Word bring life? How does Herod's bring death? How does Herod's kingdom represent all earthly kingdoms? What are the ways you typically rely too much on earthly kingdoms? PRAY "Lord King, we praise You as our King. We thank You for already winning the war against evil and death. Help us now to stand strong in Your truth and love."

## Sunday Evening

**Young Adults' Fellowship** at **6:00** tonight in the FCCW library.

## Monday

READ **Acts 13:1-4; Numbers 8:5-15; Mark 10:13-16.** DISCUSS, What is the significance of laying on hands? How did God set apart the Levites among His people? For what were they set apart? What did Jesus do with the children? Why? PRAY, "Jesus, You are the King of Kings. You set apart people for Your use. Teach us to submit to You!"

## Tuesday

READ **Acts 13:1-4; First Peter 1:10-12.** DISCUSS, What does the Holy Spirit send people to do? Why? How does Christ's rule enable us to follow the Holy Spirit? PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for protecting us and ruling over Your Kingdom expansion with grace and truth. Teach us to be faithful ambassadors of Your Kingdom."

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 13:4-8; Mark 11:15-19; Romans 12:14-21**. DISCUSS, How do you reconcile these passages? Is Paul wrong to curse Bar-Jesus? Why or why not? How are we to deal with those opposing Christ? PRAY, "Lord Jesus, we confess that we do not know how to proceed. Lead us, we pray."

### Thursday

READ **Acts 13:9-12; Deuteronomy 30:1-20; 2Timothy 4:1-8**. DISCUSS, How does King Jesus bless? How does He curse? What's the difference? Who receives his blessings and who receives His curses? Why? What do we deserve? Why? PRAY, "Lord Jesus, come quickly. Help us as we wait on You."

### Friday

READ **Acts 13:1-12; Galatians 5:16-24; First Thessalonians 2:13-16**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if God has been generous to you in faith in Christ! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 13:1-52**. Invite others to join you for either the *live-stream or in-person service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

## 2 Timothy 4: 1 – 2

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.