



# Paul/Expectation - Acts 13

## Life Group Questions

Throughout this chapter we see that Paul and Barnabas are expectant that when they speak/act God will move. And we see Him move and meet (or exceed!) their expectation which further builds their faith and expectation.

How do we get started on a similar “virtuous circle”?

How can we raise our expectation?

We might not have sufficient faith that we’ll see the whole town, or even 6500 additional people attending our gatherings in the next few weeks. But the Anchor section of Boys’ Brigade has seen 90% growth in the last month, all starting with one individual. Do we have faith to believe we might see the same increase in attendance on Sunday mornings in the next 3, 6, 12 months?

Paul’s challenge to Elymus (**v9-10**) is totally uncompromising. Where do we need to be bolder in our faith and firmer in speaking truth and challenging untruth?

How is it that in **v15** these Jewish leaders, presumably having heard of Paul & Barnabas’ message, invite them to speak, but later in **v50** other Jewish leaders stir up persecution?

What had changed?

In Pisidian Antioch Paul, during his address to the Synagogue, risked everything by not only speaking about Jesus as the Messiah/Saviour, but also by accusing their fellow Jews in Jerusalem of having unlawfully ask the Romans to crucify Jesus. **v23-28**

When was the last time you risked anything more than rejection for Jesus?

**v45-46** - When the crowds appeared after Paul had preached, the Jews were jealous and began to contradict him and abuse him. Note Paul's response in v46 "We had to speak the word of God to you first (the Jews, as God's chosen people). But since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles".

Who are the people we treat preferentially when it comes to sharing the Good News of salvation?

If sharing the Gospel with those people hasn't been or isn't being fruitful, should we change our audience as Paul did?

If so, who are the people that we should "now turn to"?