



The Chapel
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Week 9: Appeal to Scripture
Scripture: Acts 13:14-43

1. OPEN IN PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Have a group member pray, invite the Holy Spirit to lead, and fill your time together.

2. GETTING STARTED: (10 MINUTES)

- Question: What is a specific Scripture passage that has challenged you to make a decision or take action in your life? How did you respond?

3. READ ACTS 13:14-43 TOGETHER (5 MINUTES)

- Ask one or two group members to read the passage aloud.

4. DISCUSS (30 MINUTES)

Understanding the Passage:

- Paul used Scripture to help the people in Pisidian Antioch understand their place in God's story. How has Scripture helped you understand your own life, struggles, or purpose more clearly? What impact did it have on you?
- Paul's approach was to point people to God's faithfulness throughout history. How can we use Scripture in our conversations to help people recognize God's presence and purpose in their own lives?
- Paul quickly moved from Israel's history to Jesus, showing that Scripture points to Him. Why is it important to keep Jesus at the center when sharing our faith? What are some practical ways we can help others see that the Bible ultimately leads to Him, especially when they respect Scripture, but don't yet see Jesus as its main message?
- In Acts 13:38-41, Paul presents the message of Jesus and then warns his listeners to take care that they do not reject it. Why do you think Scripture always calls for a response, rather than just being informational?

Applying the Message:

- How does knowing that Scripture is God revealing Himself to you change the way you read and engage with the Bible?
- Since Scripture calls for a response, how can you be more intentional about applying what you read in the Bible? What practical step will you take this week to live out God's truth?
- Jesus often quoted Scripture to teach, challenge, and correct. How can we follow His example in our conversations about faith? What are some practical ways we can weave Scripture into everyday discussions in a way that is natural and engaging?

5. LIVE IT OUT: (10 MINUTES)

God's Word has the power to bring both division and unity.

- The most powerful response to opposition is Scripture. Ask God to show you passages that you can use when you encounter a skeptic or antagonist. Make a list.
- Scripture is the greatest source of spiritual encouragement. What passages can you use to encourage a brother or sister in Christ to persevere in the mission of spreading the gospel?

6. CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Ask God to help you see your own stories through the lens of Scripture, recognizing how His Word points us to Jesus and calls for a response.
- Pray that He will guide us to share His truth with others, keeping Jesus at the center of our witness, and that we will be faithful to live out the message we've received.