
Part IV: Paul's First Missionary Journey *(Acts 13-14)*

Application Guide: Acts 13

☐ 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. When you were little, did you ever pretend you were on a “mission” of some kind? Why do you think it was fun to pretend you were on a mission?

- b. Has anyone ever “sent” you on a mission (it could be anything from going to the store to calling your siblings for lunch)? How did it feel to be selected for the mission? Are some missions more exciting than others?

☐ 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Background: The end of Acts 11 and here in the beginning of Acts 13 there is mention made of many prophets in the area around Jerusalem. In the Old Testament it seems more typical to have only one prophet at a time in any given area. Why do you think there are several prophets in one area at this time?

What do you think it means when it says, “they were sent out by the Holy Spirit” in verse 4? What powers did the Holy Spirit give them?

How would you feel if you met a sorcerer?

If a sorcerer stood up against you, trying to stop you with his evil powers would you have the confidence to call him “the son of the Devil” (vs. 10) to his face, put a curse on him, making him unable to speak, like Paul did?



What was the secret to Paul's confidence and power? Would you like to have that same power in your life?

Do you think the Devil and demons are as active in our day as they were in Jesus' day and during the time of the Apostles? Why or why not? What evidence do you see to support your view?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Do you think playing with a Ouija board, or playing games like Dungeons and Dragons or Magic the Gathering are okay? Why or why not?

- b. Make a list of your top ten favorite activities. List each activity on a scale of 1 to 10—one being bad for you spiritually and 10 being good for you spiritually (answers may vary greatly, depending on the person). What could you do to improve your average?

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

- a. Ask Jesus to help you identify things in your life that are holding you back spiritually. Ask Him to help you give those things up.
- b. Ask Jesus to give you a passion for spiritual activities. Ask Him to show you which spiritual activities you would be good at and enjoy.

5. Research Idea

Do some research to find out more about supernatural activity that missionaries are encountering around the world today. Are some parts of the world experiencing more demonic activity than others? Why do you think that is?

