

Acts 13

Evangelizing Bible-believers

Part 2

Sermon Notes for September 8, 2013, by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Intro - What is the Gospel? How do we communicate it? Portlandia and Cranach

Lessons for Witnessing and Helping Other Churches

- I. The Spirit and the Church - vv. 1-4a
For Us: Precondition for Evangelism
For Churches: Significance of the Worshipping Church
The Significance of Missions
- II. Sergius Paulus and Bar-Jesus/Elymas: A Cameo - vv. 4b-12
For Us: Consider People's Associates
For Churches: Commitment to Church Discipline
Optimism in Evangelism (And Everything Else!)
- III. The Sermon Proper - vv. 13-41
 - A. A Shared History of Election, Rejection and Grace - vv. 16-25
For Us: Affirm, Use Story, Use Common Authorities, Get to Jesus as Fulfillment

For Churches: Identity with Israel, "Savior" Broadened, Know Your Bible Stories
 - B. The Gospel of Salvation Declared - vv. 26-39
For Us: Good News of the Sovereign, Resurrected Jesus. the Only Liberator

For Churches: A Theocratic Kingdom
 - C. A Severe Warning (AD 70, Hell) - vv. 40-41
For Us Bring Hearers to An Intellectual and Moral Challenge

For Churches: The Cause of Our Growing Defeat

"Despising"
God by loving Money - Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13
Children - Matthew 18:10
God's Grace (via Cheap Grace) Romans 2:4
The Local Church 1 Corinthians 11:22
Pastors 1 Timothy 4:12
Believing Employers or Supervisors 1 Timothy 6:2
Authority 2 Peter 2:10

The Right Thing to Despise - The Shame of the Cross Hebrews 12:2
- IV. The Aftermath - vv. 42-51
Interest; Envy; Persecution; Declaring Judgment; Success; "Death" of Enemies
The Four Horsemen of Rev. 6
- V. A Joyous and Spirit-filled Church - v. 52