Life Group Study

“Don’t Close Open Doors”
SERIES: “Stretch Your Nets” – Acts (11)
Acts 13:1-4
Rev. Paul Witter

**Prepare**

View the sermon and complete the sermon notes.

***Choose those questions that are pertinent to the group member’s needs
and experiences.***

**Open**

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom to you.
2. In what ways have your “nets” been stretched recently?
Are you open to the Holy Spirit “stretching your net?”
How have you responded?
3. Would you say that you are “on mission with God?”
Are you more like the STATUE of Richard the Lion Heart, or like a gallant soldier?
4. What was the most striking point for you in the sermon?
What questions do you have regarding the sermon?

**Digging Deeper: Read Acts 13:1-4**

1. Read Acts 1:8
Which part of Luke’s commission do you relate to the most:
Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, or the ends of the earth? Why?
2. What was the scene when the Holy Spirit spoke to the Church at Antioch?

How do you think the Holy Spirit may have spoken?

How does the Holy Spirit speak to you in times of worship?
3. Why is worship, prayer and fasting so important when it comes to knowing the will of God?
4. What are some of the reasons that discourage you from being “on mission with God”?
5. Reflect on the Macedonian Call of Acts 16:9 *–"Come over to Macedonia and help us.*" What is the call today to each of us? Who is in need and who is calling out?
6. Acts 16:15 (b) says that the Lord opened Lydia’s heart to the message of the Gospel that was shared by Paul. Share a time where you experienced the Lord opening someone’s heart to the Gospel. How did you feel about that act of God at the time? Now?
7. What are some of the “bars” that you have seen keeping people from believing in Jesus? Do you believe that Jesus can break down those bars? Read Isaiah 45:1-7; 61:1-3 and Luke 4:18-19.

**Going forward**

1. Discuss with your group (or consider on your own if you are not in a group) how you will implement “Pray and Go”. “Pray and Go” cards are available from the church office. Choose the card you would like to use: write your name / phone number on the card with lines on, or use the card with no lines if you would prefer that people don’t contact you. Set a target for the group and discuss where you will walk and pray. Keep a list of the streets you pray for and submit the list to the church office.
2. What has struck you the most from this lesson. How would the Lord want you to respond?
3. Reflect: With what types of people do you feel comfortable talking about the Lord. Why?
4. Share and pray with your prayer partner about **one** “take home” action point that you would like to implement.
5. **PRAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP FOR THE “PRAY AND GO” MISSION.**

**Close**

Continue working on your personal salvation testimony. See the Navigators
“*Preparing your testimony*” if you need help and write out your testimony.
Ask your Life Group leader or pastors for help if you need it. ***Contact Pastor Paul if you are willing to share your testimony at a church service.***