

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from September 14, 2014 The Confrontation with Paul Acts 13:4-12

Observing the text

Why do you think Paul and Barnabas begin their journey by going to Cyprus? Why did their ministry begin at Salamis?

Who was Sergio Paulus, and why is he significant in this account and to the unfolding of the book?

Why does Luke no longer refer to Paul by his Hebrew name of Saul?

Why did Paul address Elymas as directly as he did? How does his approach with Elymas compare with how he addresses others in Acts? Why was Elymas judged in the manner that he was?

What do you see about conversion through the story of Sergius Paulus?

Applying the sermon

How have you in the past missed an opportunity to communicate Christ to those nearest to you?

Why should people naturally go to places familiar to them before venturing to minister in places less known?

Have there been times in your life when you knew a person who was interested in the word of God but was being deceived by someone opposed to Christ? What did you do at the time? Looking back, what do you wish you would have done?

Take a moment to pray for someone you know who may be seeking to hear the word of God. Pray that they, like Sergius Paulus, would be amazed at the teaching of the Lord.