

Part 27 | **Sent to Everyone**

Acts 13:13-51

God sends us to **EVERYONE** (v. 13-43)

know God's story, be ready to share

*hint: It's All About Jesus!*and while only some will **ACCEPT** the delivery (v. 44-49)

the question of your lifetime

everyone's choice, God's sovereignty

there's great **JOY** for those who do! (v. 50-52)

joy for those who believe

joy for those who share

Text us at **833-271-8805**.Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "**Pray for...**" followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever's going on and someone will be in touch via text.

Who is your **PEARL**?

PEARL is an acronym we use to help you share *your* story and *God's* story with those who are far from God.Below the **PEARL** *strategy* is outlined. But you might also think of that *person* Jesus is sending you to who is far from God as *your* "**PEARL**", because of how much they're worth to God, and how much they mean to you!

PRAY *for them*

PEARL is about helping people find Jesus, and it begins by praying! Prayer changes circumstances, prayer and prayer changes us! Pray for those God has put in your path. Pray for their problems, pray for the solution, and keep praying they would meet Jesus!

EAT *with them*

Jesus used meals to connect with people and let them see who he really is. Luke 7:34 says Jesus came "eating and drinking" with people he loved. Share a meal, grab coffee, spend time with that person you have in mind. Meals slow us down and deepen relationships.

ASK *questions*

Jesus asked 307 questions in the Gospels but only directly answered 8 asked of him. Good questions engage others by showing genuine interest in them, learning their spiritual journey, & encouraging them to think deeper. Jesus was a master at this, follow his example!

REVEAL *your story*

Stories are powerful, so when the opportunity comes be able to share God's Story and ready to share your story of meeting Jesus!

LOVE *them tangibly*

As you share life & the Good News with others, expect various reactions—but remember God will keep working and you must keep loving!

Learn more at youareloved.church/pearl

Grow.

Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!

Food for Thought...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Sometimes we're tempted to think that we're the only ones to ever live in a culture that's opposed to God or decaying morally. But sin has made this the case in every culture for 1,000s of years dating back to Genesis 3. Yet God calls us to faithfully follow him, which will lead to joy! — What are some of the challenges you face in following Jesus and living with joy in our current society? Which challenge is the biggest for you personally?

2. Any cultural answers to our problems are incomplete and temporary. We know from Scripture that Jesus is the truth and anything else will decay. Like Paul preached in **Acts 13:39**, "*by Jesus everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses*" (or anything else for that matter!). How does that verse, and those that follow help us hold onto truth in the midst of an ever-changing and decaying culture?

Circle or highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.

– **Underline** what you think is important to remember.

– **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

⁶ Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **JN. 14:6**

³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." **JOHN 18:37**

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **JOHN 8:31-32** (NIV)

(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR MISSION

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible “home”, we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 13:38-41 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

³⁸ Let it be **known** to you **therefore, brothers**, that through this man **forgiveness** of **sins** is **proclaimed** to you, ³⁹and by him **everyone** who **believes** is **freed** from **everything** from which you could not be **freed** by the law of **Moses**. ⁴⁰**Beware, therefore, lest** what is **said** in the **Prophets** should **come** about: ⁴¹“**Look**, you **scorners**, be **astounded** and **perish**; for I am **doing** a work in your **days**, a work that you will not **believe**, even if **one** **tells** it to you.”

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Food for Thought (continued)

²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. **1 JOHN 5:20** (NIV)

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. **MATTHEW 24:35** (NIV)

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. **2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5** (NIV)

- Two keys to living abundantly and following Jesus in today's future are to (1) always remember God's plan is bigger, and (2) never lose sight of eternity! **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 in your bible.** Where do you see those principles in Paul's perspective on challenges in his own culture?
- Use the chart below to help identify *temporary matters to shift your focus away from* and *eternal matters to shift your focus toward*. In the left column, write down some seen/temporary things in your life and in our world today (jobs, finances, politics, health, school, etc.). On the right, write down some unseen/eternal things of God that will outlast your life on earth. Be specific.

Seen/Temporary	Unseen/Eternal
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What is one unseen/eternal matter you listed above that you can make an extra effort to remember as you go throughout your week?

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