

ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, May 14, 2023 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 26 | Sent by the Spirit

Acts 13:1-12

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's **GUIDANCE**, (v. 1-3)

through the Word John 14:16; John 17:17; Psalm 119:105, 133

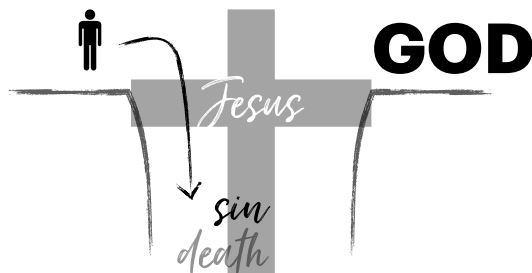
worship, fasting, & prayer

boldly **SHARE** Jesus (v. 4-7)

share God's Story CREATION / FALL / RESCUE / RESTORATION

the "Bridge" as one example

Romans 3:23 | 6:23a | 5:8 | 6:23b | 10:9 | 10:13



share your story

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and trust **GOD'S POWER** to do the work. (v. 6-12)

No one has ever been argued or shamed into the Kingdom...

God must open their eyes!



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!

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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Here's a random question to discuss and break the ice as you get going:
What is one skill (anything!) you wish you had in great measure that you don't now?

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?

Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. While we are taught to expect opposition, we don't always respond in the best way when opposition presents itself. What do the following verses tell you about how you can be encouraged in this area going forward? Circle, highlight or underline key action phrases that stand out to you.

- **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.

⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. **1 PETER 3:9** (NIV)

²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **LUKE 6:28** (NIV)

²⁹ Do not plot harm against your neighbor, who lives trustfully near you.

³⁰ Do not accuse anyone for no reason— when they have done you no harm.

³¹ Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways. **PROVERBS 3:29-31** (NIV)

⁷ In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸ and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. **TITUS 2:7-8** (NIV)

² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

TITUS 3:2 (NIV)

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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 13:1-3 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ Now **there** were in the **church** at **Antioch** **prophets** and **teachers**, **Barnabas**, **Simeon** who was **called Niger**, **Lucius** of **Cyrene**, **Manaen** a **lifelong friend** of **Herod** the **tetrarch**, and

Saul. ²While they were **worshipping** the **Lord** and **fasting**, the **Holy Spirit** said, "Set **apart** for me **Barnabas** and **Saul** for the **work** to which I have **called** them."³ **Then** after **fasting** and **praying** they **laid** their **hands** on them and **sent** them off.

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life groups Study Guide (continued)

2. As we're lead by the Spirit and proclaim the Gospel, we shouldn't look for a fight but we shouldn't back down from one either. We must also remember that no one has ever been argued or shamed into the Kingdom. What guidelines can you draw from the following verses that teach us how to respond to people with truth but also in kindness and gentleness?

²⁸ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.

Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. **1 PETER 2:23** (NIV)

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. **1 PETER 3:15-16** (NIV)

¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?

¹³ God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you." **1 COR. 5:12-13** (NIV)

⁶ "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. **MATTHEW 18:6** (NIV) (See also **Mark 9:42** and **Luke 17:2**)

3. Who would you sense the Spirit leading you toward in the summer ahead? Who will be your "PEARL" that you can start praying for? (To learn more about PEARL visit <https://youareloved.church/pearl>)

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

Pray also for each person's "PEARL" that they might meet Jesus soon.

Divide into separate groups of men and women and pray for one another.

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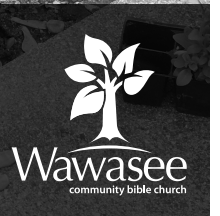
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