
AMEN Bible Study 2025

Acts: Making Jesus Known

“What Are We Waiting For?”

Acts 13:13-52
January 23, 2025

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. — Acts 1:8

“Is my life my best answer to the Great Commission?” — Sandy Willson

1. **Is Your Movement Intentional? (v.13-15)**
 - a. Make a Decision (v.13a)
 - b. Go With Whom God Has Provided (v.13b)
 - c. Take the Open Door (v.14-15)

2. **Is Your Message Christ? (v.16-41)**
 - a. Appeal to God’s Work of Grace (v.16-25)
 - b. Make Jesus Clear (v.26-31)
 - c. Rely on God’s Word (v.32-37)
 - d. Call for a Decision (v.38-41)

3. **Is Your Method Biblical? (v.42-52)**
 - a. Always Be Ready to Share the Gospel (v.42-44)
 - b. Trust God’s Timing and Power (v.45-49)
 - c. Expect Opposition (v.50-51)
 - d. Expect God to Accomplish His Glory (v.52)

AMEN Action Steps

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HEAR the Word

"Open my eyes, that I might behold wonderful things out of your law."

-Proverbs 119:18

1. In Paul's message at the synagogue (v.16b-41) what are the different ways he makes it clear that God is the one who is doing the work? What are the different ways that he describes God's gracious provision in Israel's history?
2. How are the essential elements of the Gospel made clear in verses 27-39?

PRACTICE the Word

"...Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

-Matthew 7:24

1. What most likely would have been your response when John Mark abandoned the mission? Who in your life continues to encourage you to stay on God's mission? How do they do that for you?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being "most confident"), how confident do you feel in communicating a clear Gospel presentation to an unbeliever? In what areas of this would you like to grow and get better? Who is someone who could help you with that?
3. How have you seen God open opportunities to share the Gospel with others? What opportunities do you see for evangelism and mission work in Memphis?
4. The book of Acts certainly calls all Christians to an international mission to bring the Gospel to all people groups in the world. What has been your experience in being a part of that international mission?

RETELL the Word

"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you..."

-Mark 5:19

1. What are some of the things that go through your mind when you hear the question, "Is the life I am living my best answer to the Great Commission?"
2. What are one or two practical steps you could take this next month to grow in making your life your best answer to the Great Commission?