

An Open Door...Now What?

Acts 13 & 14

LESSONS FROM THE PROS!

If we are truly following God, then:

We are all called to _____.
Acts 13:1-12, 47, Matthew 5:14-16, Colossians 4:2-6, Philippians 2:14-15

Create _____, not _____.
Acts 13:13-16, 42-44, 1 Peter 3:15-16

We should expect _____.
Acts 13:45-52, 14:1-18, Romans 8:17

Rejection may be a sign of _____,
not _____.
Acts 14:19-28, Matthew 10:17-42, 1 Corinthians 16:8-9

Don't _____ a door that God hasn't
_____.
Matthew 10:5-16, Matthew 7:6

HOW IT APPLIES TO US:

1. Pray for _____.
Acts 13:1-3, Colossians 4:2-6
2. Realize that people need _____
not _____.
Acts 14:15-17, 1 Peter 3:15-16, 2 Timothy 2:14-15
3. Start with where _____, not with
what _____.
Acts 14:15-17, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Mark 4:33

Food for Thought

For the week of July 12, 2009

DIGGING DEEPER

1. One of Paul's strong motivations for what he was willing to endure was his understanding that people are spiritually lost without Christ. In Luke 15:1-10, Jesus tells two stories which give us some perspective on how God views people who are spiritually lost.

What similarities do you see in these stories?

What lessons do these stories teach us about spiritually lost people and God's attitude towards them?

What do Luke 19:10 and 2 Peter 3:9 add to your understanding of how God wants us to view spiritually lost people?

2. Colossians 4:2-6 does a good job of summing up our role in the calling to be light that Pastor talked about. Read the passage and list any specific guidelines or tips that could help us be more effective in sharing the Gospel with people.

Paul asked the Colossians to pray for an open door for the Gospel. How aware do you tend to be in recognizing a potential open door?

Often we think that the only way to capitalize on an open door is to share the Gospel with someone. Can you think of any other ways you might take advantage of an open door besides sharing the Gospel?

3. One effective means of sharing the Gospel with others is the "Roman Road." Whether you are a new Christian, a long-time Christian, or still trying to understand Christianity, this tool can help us understand our need for salvation and how a relationship with Christ begins. Even though you may be familiar with these verses, it is critical that we constantly remind ourselves about our need for a Savior. As you read each verse, jot down what essential truth each passage communicates about your relationship with Christ.

Romans 1:19-20, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8
Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-11