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Acts 13:44-46 <sup>44</sup> On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. <sup>45</sup> But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. <sup>46</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

- Did the whole city really come to hear Paul?
- Why would the reaction of the Jews be envy?
- Do you think that all of the Jews became envious?
- Why was it necessary for them to preach to Jews first?
- What does it mean to judge yourselves unworthy?

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Acts 13:47-49 <sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has commanded us: "I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth."<sup>48</sup> Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

- Is Luke declaring that only God's elect or predestined to eternal life?
- Is being appointed to eternal life the cause or effect?
- Who was spreading the Gospel message?

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Acts 13:50-52 <sup>50</sup> But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. <sup>51</sup> But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. <sup>52</sup> And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

- Why mention stirring up the prominent women?
- What is the significance of shaking the dust off of their feet?
- What parallels do we see between Peter and Paul?

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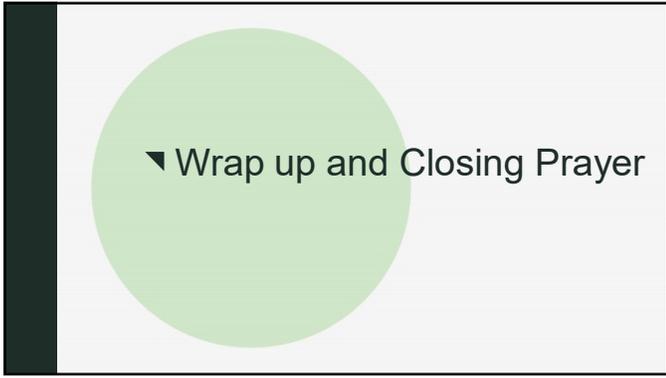
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