

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for October 10, 2021:
Chapter 29: Paul's Mission



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Have you ever been on a mission trip? If so, tell about your experience.

- **GROW** *in Christ*

42 As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. 43 When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. 44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45 When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. 47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. 49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. Acts 1:6-11

1. How would you describe the apostle Paul's passion and mission in life? What is your passion and mission in life?
2. Why do you think Paul usually began his outreach to any community at the Jewish synagogue?
3. If someone asked you, “What is the Gospel?” how might you respond? What does the Gospel mean for you, personally?
4. How would you summarize the heart of Paul's message in Act 13:13-39 (The Story, pp. 408-409)
5. Why do you think so many of the Jewish people insisted that the new followers of the Way keep Jewish laws? Do you see a similar thing happening today?
6. One message that Paul brought as he proclaimed the gospel is that heaven is our true home and, in Christ, our resurrection is sure. How does a daily awareness that heaven

awaits all those who have faith in Jesus bring hope, encouragement, and confidence to live for God today?

7. As Paul preached the message of Jesus he faced spiritual opposition (Acts 13:1-12; 16:16-34; The Story, pp. 407-408, 412-413). He also faced opposition from the business community (Acts 19:8-10, 23-41; The Story, pp. 424-425). In what form do these attacks come and how does Paul meet these attacks?
8. The church in Corinth was beset by division. How does Paul address this in 1 Cor. 1:10-13; 3:1-11; 12:7-14?
9. Who are people in your life who exhibit the spiritual fruit Paul lists in Gal. 5:22-23 (The Story, pp. 431)? How do you think such fruit grows and develops in you?

- **SERVE** *others*

Pick one person in your life who exhibits spiritual fruit and write them a note of encouragement and thanks.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**