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Discussion Questions:

1. It's hard to really understand how difficult it was for the Jewish people to accept gentiles (non-jews) into their faith free of charge. In an effort to understand their reaction, which was the same reaction Paul had when he heard the gospel from Stephen, discuss what people you have a really hard time accepting and why.
2. **Read Acts 13:26-43.** This isn't just a history lesson with a new ending. It's a warning. The ship's sinking and if you don't get in the lifeboat now, you're going to drown! Talk about why there is such urgency within this message.
3. Discuss the evidence Paul presents to convince the Jewish people that Jesus is indeed the Messiah promised in the Old Testament. Do you find the evidence convincing? Why or why not?
4. Paul told his fellow Jews that in not understanding the scriptures they read sabbath after sabbath, that they fulfilled those same scriptures by rejecting Jesus. Talk about what this means. What point is Paul trying to make?
5. **Read Acts 13:44-52.** Over and over again we see this tension between the Israelites being God's chosen people, but that within that designation, they were tasked with bringing all the non-jews into God's love. Paul reminds the people of exactly this. So where does their "jealousy" come from?
6. The gentiles are delighted to have this opportunity to follow Jesus. Why do you think they were so eager to be a part of this distinctly Jewish and foreign religion and way of life? Asked another way, what part of Paul's story attracted these people to Jesus? What attracts you to Jesus?

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