

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 22nd August 2021

God's Master Plan
Acts 13:2



The Master Plan



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. What are you passionate about? (E.g. sport, craft, health and fitness). What characteristics makes someone passionate?

Q2. Paul was a passionate persecutor of Christians, and was then transformed by Jesus to become a passionate advocate of Christ. Share some stories of when you have seen people passionately speak against Christ, and stories of when you have seen people passionately speak for Christ.

INTO THE WORD

Read Acts 13 - Paul's first missionary journey

Q3. Use the map below as you read about the early part of Paul's first journey. What impacts you about the encounters he had along the way?



Q4. Read through Paul's sermon again (Acts 13:16-41). What points does Paul make in his message to the Jews? Why do you think Paul makes these specific points?

Q5. Continue reading about Paul's journey in Acts 14 as you follow the map above. How do Paul and Barnabas deal with being referred to as gods? Why did the Jews stone them?

GOING DEEPER

Q6. Paul used every opportunity before him to share the good news of Jesus - from large crowds to small encounters. He continues his journey even in the face of persecution. What opportunities (or areas of influence) do you have where God could use you to bring the Kingdom of God here on earth?

Q7. God's master plan in sharing the message of Jesus to a dying world is through us. There is no contingency plan. What things can stand in the way of us sharing this message of hope with others, and what can we do to begin to remove those barriers and challenges?

Pray

Thank you, Lord, that you have chosen us to be your advocates - to tell others about you. Lord, show us how we can be effective in reaching the world around us and help us to have courage to speak the truth in confidence. Lord, may we be aware of the Holy Spirit at work around us, and choose to be active in sharing the reason for the hope that we have. In Jesus' name, amen.