

**Sent Out**  
**Text: Acts 13:4-12**  
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**Big Idea: God is sovereign over the mission, so trust His sovereignty on mission.**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3**

- a) What does it mean that God is sovereign?
- b) Why is it essential to believe that not only is God sovereign, but God is good and loving also?
- c) Why should this fill us with boldness and confidence in living on mission?

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**Point 1: Divine PLACEMENT of You (vv. 4-7)**

*Question: God knows where He wants you. Will you submit to Him there?*

**Question #4**

- a) **Rd vv. 4-7:** Where are the places you see the sovereignty of God directing the missionaries?
- b) Why is trusting in God's divine placement of you essential if you are live faithfully on mission?
- c) When are you must tempted with unbelief in God's sovereign placement of you? Why then?

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**Point 2: Divine EMPOWERMENT in You (vv. 8-11)**

*Question: God will empower you to preach His Word. Will you speak it boldly when opposed?*

**Question #5**

- a) **Rd. vv. 8-11:** How was the enemy working to oppose the missionaries?
- b) How did God empower Paul to deal with the opposition?
- c) Why is Paul's response to Elymas an act of love and compassion towards him?

### Question #6

- a) **Rd. Eph. 5:15-18:** Why is being freshly filled with the Spirit essential when we share the gospel?
- b) Why should knowing the Holy Spirit will empower us, lead us to boldly declare the gospel in the face of opposition?
- c) When are you most fearful to share the gospel? Why then? (*Note: Use your fruit to root diagrams for this if that is helpful.*)
- d) Who has God divinely placed around you to share the gospel with?
- e) Take time to pray as a group for boldness and receptivity as you share the gospel with them.

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### Point 3: Divine **FULFILLMENT** through you (v. 12)

*Question: The gospel triumphs and God fulfills His mission. Will you trust Him and declare it?*

### Question #7

- a) **Rd. v. 12:** How did the governor of Cyprus respond when he heard the gospel and saw its power?
- b) Share testimonies as a group of how you have seen God's power at work through you as you've shared the gospel with others. Be encouraged!

### Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 13:4-12...**

- a) **ADORATION:** Lord, I praise You that You are sovereign over...
- b) **CONFESSION:** Lord, I repent of my unbelief in your sovereignty when...
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Lord, I thank you for Your love/goodness/sovereignty in...
- d) **SUPPLICATION:** Lord, I ask for Your power to share the gospel when...

*Memory Verse:*

*"...I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'"*

*-Isaiah 46:9b-10*