

## Presenting the Gospel

### Acts 13:13–43

#### 1. **Know Your Audience Vs 13-16**

Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogue in Pisidian Antioch to attend the Sabbath service, were invited to speak, and Paul tailored the message to the synagogue audience.

When we have an opportunity to share the gospel, we need to take the time to know our audience, so we can share with them what they need to hear.

#### 2. **Narrate the Hope Vs 17-37**

Paul revealed to them through the Old Testament Scriptures how God's activity in history took place with the purpose of preparing his people for Jesus; the promised Messiah and Lord.

When sharing the gospel, unfolding key parts to God's involvement in history will allow someone to fully understand the good news; why Jesus died on the cross for all of humanity.

#### 3. **Offer the Gift Vs 38-41**

Paul provided the hearers with an opportunity to respond, as he shared that those who placed their faith in Jesus experience forgiveness of sins, justification, and a warning to those who ignore the gospel message.

Sharing the gospel must include an opportunity for the hearer to place their faith in Jesus so they can experience the forgiveness of sins, justification, or be warned if they choose to ignore the message.

#### 4. **Welcome Future Conversations Vs 42-43**

Paul and Barnabas made themselves available for further discussions, as the people invited them to speak again at the next Sabbath, and many Jews and converts to Judaism desired to speak further about the gospel message.

The gospel is such an important decision that we need to always make ourselves available for further discussion about the good news of Jesus.

#### **Main Idea:**

When presenting the gospel, we need to **k**now our audience's background so we can **n**arrate what they need to hear to understand the gospel, **O**ffer them an opportunity to respond, and be ready to **W**elcome any further conversations.

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## Deployment

1. Everyone has a worldview (how you look at the world, how you think it operates, why things happen the way they do, what your purpose is... etc.) Although **the gospel never changes**, the information we use to help explain the gospel may change. As a result, the better we understand someone's background, the more effective we can be in communicating the gospel.

Lately, when you have opportunities to live out the gospel through word and deed, what are the worldviews that your friends, family, and neighbours have?

Pick one worldview, and take some time and begin learning their worldview through one of the following options:

Option 1: Meet up with someone and have a conversation about what they believe.

Option 2: Begin doing some research on their worldview through using the library or the internet.

2. We can learn different styles of narrating the gospel. Each style can easily be modified when accommodating to a person's worldview/background. As a church, many of us have learned the bridge illustration when sharing the gospel.

One example of the bridge version- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gr0xXfR3L8&t=45s>

In the sermon, I showed you the 3 circles style that can be used and modified when sharing the gospel message. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSOKry3F3bc>

Challenge:

Choose a narrating tool. Modify it if you need to and then practice it with another Christian, or someone who needs to hear the gospel.

Once you have done this, ask these three questions

- 1) Was the gospel clear and understandable?
- 2) Are there any scriptures that I could have quoted to help with your message?
- 3) Was there anything that I would modify if I were to use this narrating tool again?