

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Scriptures Lead to Jesus

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Scripture: **Acts 13:13–41**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

OVERVIEW

The church has a strategy (preach the Word), a message (salvation is through Jesus Christ), and a book (Scripture). As believers, we are to worship Jesus, not the Bible. Unbelievers need to know that the gospel is for them. **Jesus builds his church and his followers through the ministry of his word.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

1 Corinthians 1:20, 1 Corinthians 2:1-2, Acts 4:12; Luke 24:44, 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Timothy 3:15, John 5:39

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. John Mark left Paul and his companions as they set off on their missionary journey. This eventually led to a sharp disagreement between Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:37). How should we as Christian brothers and sisters choose ministry partners?
2. Are you tempted to get more excited about the Bible than about Jesus himself? Why do you think that is?
3. The Bible is much more than a book of philosophy or theological ideas. Why does Paul's message focus so much on historical events? What difference would it make if the Gospel was not grounded in history?
4. How would you explain to someone who has been hurt by the church or by Christians that Jesus will never fail them, even though his followers have?