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ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Acts: God in Action through Us

Acts 13:1-52
Missionary Men

Discussion starters:
Why do Missionaries do what they do?
What problems or questions arise for you when Missionaries take the message of Jesus to people whom have never heard it before?

Acts 13 is a passage that gives us a coherent view of Mission. For the purpose of this study, we shall define Mission as the activity of intentionally setting out to call others to faith in Jesus Christ

Read Acts 13 together, noting the four main parts:

v1-3	Preparation for Mission
v4-15	Encountering 'the Locals'
v16-41	The Message
v42-52	The Response to the Message

This study is going to focus on verses 1-15 and 42-52.

1. How does the church prepare for Mission? (v1-3)

2. How might our church be better prepared for Mission?

3. What was Paul's attitude to 'the locals' on Paphos? How might this inform our thinking Mission today?

4. What was Paul's attitude to 'the locals' at Pisidian Antioch*? How might this inform our thinking on Mission today?
   *(* Pisidian Antioch was a different city to the Antioch in Syria, from where Paul had come)*

5. Throughout the book of Acts, and even today, the proclamation of the gospel results in division. Some accept the message eagerly while others reject and oppose it. How does verse 48 help us understand God's perspective on Mission?

6. Ultimately Paul and Barnabas 'shook the dust from their feet in protest' against those who rejected the gospel. Then they moved on to another place. How might this shape a Christian view of Mission?

7. The overall picture of the gospel growth in Acts is summed up in verses 49 and 52. How might we participate in God'Mission today? Are there things you are already doing? What else could you do?