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## Read Acts 13:13-52

On this first journey Paul and Barnabas travel as far as Antioch of Pisidia, and on the Sabbath are given an opportunity to share the message of Christ. Re-read Paul's sermon in vv16-41. Notice the first thing Paul does is find common ground with his audience. By preaching in this venue (a synagogue) Paul is first taking Christ's message to the Jewish people, as the Lord instructed. He speaks to the Jews about their history and God's fulfillment of His promises through the Messiah.

1. When it comes to sharing our faith, why is it important to know your listener and find common ground?

Find at least three things you find especially remarkable about Paul's message in vv16-41 and explain why you think they urged him to return and "speak again about these things again the next week" (v42)?

Although interest is peaked initially, it's not long before jealousy causes problems: "But when some of the Jews saw the crowds, they were jealous; so they slandered Paul and argued against whatever he said" (v45).

2. When a church is healthy, growing, and multiplying why is it that jealousy is often stirred amongst other churches or "religious" entities?

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