

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 36 & 37: Christ-centered Evangelism

In Acts 12-13 the Christians were under assault from a “higher power” – Herod. The Jews were emboldened and tried to stop the spread of the gospel to other cities. This is going to continue until the Romans get involved later.

Our study will concentrate on how we can be evangelistic in spite of opposition. Just because it is hard or a challenge does not mean we are to be silent. We just need to be smarter.

Questions

1. Does opposition to Christ embolden you or discourage you?

2. What have we already learned about how God helps us during persecution and opposition?

Word Study

12:5 “Earnestly”

13:5 “Proclaimed”

13:45 “Abusively”

13:46 “Boldly”

13:8 “Appointed”

Read Acts 12

- What were the methods the Jews used to intimidate the church?
- What is the evidence of divine help for the persecuted Christians?
- How did the Christians respond to the persecution and God’s intervention?

Read Acts 13:4-16 & 42-52

- What methods of evangelism did the Christians use to overcome opposition and persecution?
- What were the responses of those they were teaching?
- Did the opposition stop as they experienced success?
- What did the Christians believe about God’s will and people becoming Christians?