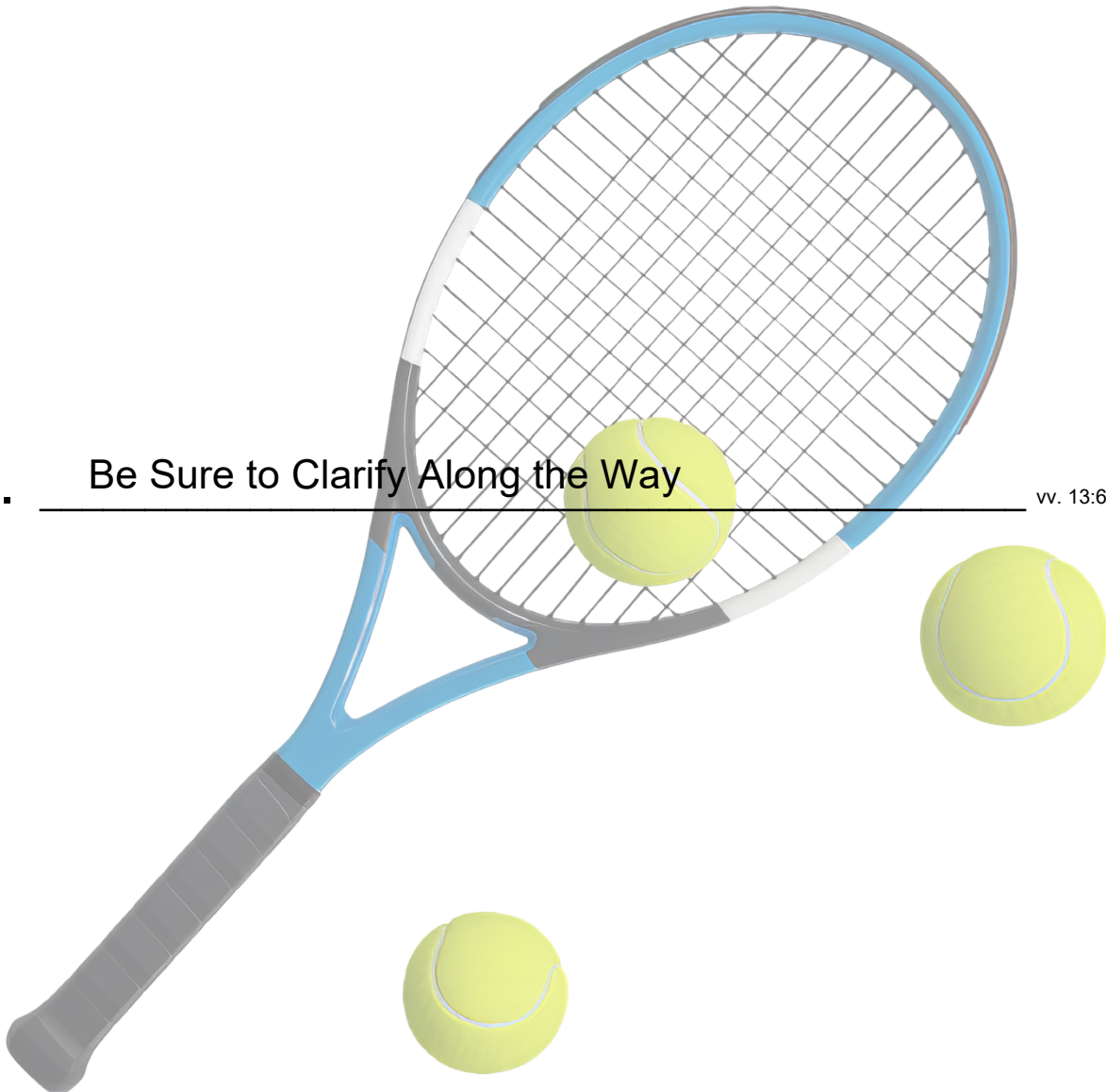


Hit the Ball

“ How to be More Effective for the Gospel ”

1. Start with the People You Know vv. 12:25-13:5

2. Be Sure to Clarify Along the Way vv. 13:6-12



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Acts 12:25-13:3, 11:29, Matthew 9:37-38

- In what way was Antioch a stable and mature church? (i.e., 5 leaders) How does this compare to today's churches?
- What was being highlighted, given Antioch was willing to lose almost half their leadership to missions work?
- How do you see this being different than today's churches? (i.e., country club vs evangelism) How does this challenge you?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 13:4-5, 4:36, 9:1-2

- Approximately how long did Barnabus and Saul travel to share the Gospel with non-believers? (i.e., walking, sailing)
- Why did they travel so far when they could have stayed by Antioch and shared the Gospel? Be specific.
- Why is this important? How can mission trips become romanticized? How does this adjust your current approach?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 13:4-5, Matthew 28:19

- In what way is evangelism to be a significant part of every Christian's life? How does Jesus highlight this truth?
- Given that "go" is a participle, meaning "as you go", what does it imply about who you should share your faith with?
- How does this challenge your current perspective of the mission field? How will you intentionally change this week?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 13:6-8, Ephesians 6:10-12

- Why do you think Bar-Jesus opposed Paul & the Gospel? How does his relationship with the proconsul play into it?
- In what way might the Gospel have impacted Bar-Jesus' influence and impact on the island? (i.e., magician)
- How was this also a spiritual battle? Why is this important to remember when we talk about Jesus and the Gospel?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 13:9-12, 9:8-9

- What was Paul's response to Bar-Jesus? How was this similar to Paul's experience when encountering Jesus?
- How did Paul clarify the situation, so the proconsul wasn't deceived? Why was this critical? What was the result?
- What does this highlight about clarify and the Gospel? How can you be tempted to avoid this? (i.e., hell, repent, etc.)

SATURDAY // Read Acts 13:6-12, Luke 8:26-33

- In what way was Paul's experience with Bar-Jesus similar to Jesus' experience with demons? (i.e., bringing clarity)
- Why was this necessary? What could have happened in both situations if nothing was addressed or dealt with?
- How can you do a better job of clarifying the Gospel for non-believers? Write out the Gospel and ask God to show you.

MEDITATION VERSE:

<p>³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38</p>
