

THROUGH THIS MAN

ACTS 13:26-41 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD

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This man, Jesus, was...human like us, yet knowable as God (v.26-27)...innocent of all sin, yet condemned (v.28)...crucified, yet resurrected from the dead (v.29-31)...a long-ago promise, yet powerfully fulfilled (v.32-37).

And so, through this man, I am offered...forgiveness of my sin (v.38)...freedom for working for my salvation (v.39)...faith to overcome my unbelief (v.40-41).

GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Many in today's society are looking for answers to hard questions, relief, direction, and hope but we know the answer to all of these is found in none other than Jesus.

- What verses do you turn to regularly reminding you of your need for Jesus?
- How can we reach people who are looking for truth, and what can we do to point them to Jesus and the gospel?

2. The message people needed then was the same that is needed today...that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed.

- How does it affect our day to day knowing God is faithful to forgive?
- Why do so many churches and leaders omit/distort the true message of the gospel to "preach" whatever is flashy or trending?

3. All religions, at their core, are works based, but the gospel is by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus alone.

- READ Ephesians 2:8-9, and discuss the following: Why is there such an attraction to the unbiblical concept of a works-based salvation?

4. Paul issued a warning to those who would mock and reject the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Why do so many refuse to believe the gospel when it is presented to them, even when they understand it?
- How can we pray for people who do not believe in the gospel?