

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, March 19, 2017

Hidden Within Series “Jealousy”

Reread Acts 13:44-49

We think other people are the problem, but there is nothing others can do to solve our jealousy problem. Our real issue is with God. Jealousy says “god owes me.” But God distributes gifts as he sees fit. Perhaps the healthiest thing we can do is bring our frustration to God. Until we allow God to root envy out of us, loving others will be out of reach.

1. How do you think the Jewish establishment felt about Paul taking his message of Jesus to the Gentiles?
2. If you could emphasize one central truth about the Gospel of Jesus, what would it be? Why?
3. What kind of opposition to your faith have you experienced? How have/do you usually respond to such opposition?
4. Would it be harder for you to face opposition from community leaders, family members, or fellow followers of Jesus? Why?
5. In verse 46, Paul and Barnabas proclaimed that the Jews had *“rejected the word of the Lord and judged themselves to be unworthy of eternal life.”* What has God given you/us that make you/us consider yourself/ourselves worthy of eternal life?
6. In verse 47, Paul proclaimed that he and Barnabas felt that the Lord had *“set them to be a light for the Gentiles and to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”* What have you felt the Lord calling you to do in your life that brings *“light and salvation”* to those who don’t know Jesus?
7. Verse 48 states that the Gentiles *“praised the word of the Lord”*? Do you think you do this? If you so, how are you doing this?
8. As verse 49 proclaims, *“The word of the Lord spread throughout the region.”* How are you as a follower of Jesus and we as Bethany followers spreading the word of the Lord throughout our region?
9. How do you sense the Lord is calling you/us to do this better and/or more effectively?