SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **September 1, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes). Please read the sermon passage (Acts 13:13-52) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Acts 13:13-52)

- WHERE? It seems God is always at work establishing a Gospel witness at a key place. In the Acts 13 passage, it was Pisidian Antioch. Where are some key places for "Gospel hubs" in Sheboygan County? In what key place does God have you positioned to proclaim the Gospel?
- 2. WHO? What are the key distinctives of most of the people in your sphere of influence? What is their religious background? What is their attitude about the Bible? About authority? What attitudes do they tend to have toward God? Toward Christians? Toward church?
- **3.** WHAT should be your STARTING POINT? Paul started with God's promise to send Messiah and quickly showed that Jesus is the one promised. Where could you start a conversation with people in your world about biblical realities? God? God's kingdom? Authority? Submission? Ownership? Grace? Love? Hope? (Example: This world loves love. Talk about real love.)
- 4. HOW can you move the conversation to a Christ-centered FOCAL POINT? The goal of sharing the Gospel is to help people understand the love and grace that God has shown the world in sending Jesus Christ to pay for their sin by dying for it. (Example: God would not be very loving if he said, "Enjoy your sin, I support you in it," while all the while realizing people will experience judgment for their sin. He showed real love by sacrificing his Son for sin in order to forgive sinners.)
- 5. WHY? The goal of presenting the Gospel is to allow the cross to be a stumbling block without letting our presentation of the Gospel trip anyone up. The Acts 13 passage shows Paul challenging his audience concerning Christ. How can you challenge the people in your world with Christ, but not merely with "religion," "church," or your own personality?