

What's Your Response?

Acts 13:13-16

Introduction:

- A. Everything we hear causes us to respond in some way.
- B. This morning let's consider how we respond when we hear the word of God preached?

Do You Desire to Hear More of the Word?

- A. As was his custom, Paul went to the synagogue and preached (Acts 13:13-16; 38-41).
- B. The people at Antioch in Pisidia begged Paul to stay and tell them more (Acts 13:42-43).
- C. Do we enjoy hearing the Word so much that we cannot wait to hear it again?
 - 1. Paul once preached until midnight (Acts 20:7).
 - 2. We are to desire the milk of the word so that we may grow (1 Pet. 2:1-3, Rom. 10:17).

Do You Engage Others with the Word?

- A. Almost the whole city gathered to hear the Word on the next Sabbath (Acts 13:44). Can you imagine what the people must have said to get most of the city to show up to listen to the Word?
- B. The Word of God has the power to attract and convict people (vs. 44, 46, 48, 49).
- C. Do we look for opportunities to engage others with the messages we hear?
 - 1. If we do not preach the Word then others cannot believe or be saved (Acts 13:49).
 - 2. How are people to believe in him of whom they have never heard (Rom. 10:13-15)?

Do You Choose to Oppose the Word?

- A. Some of the Jews were jealous and began trying to contradict Paul (Acts 13:45, 50).
- B. Some people today oppose the Word by openly contradicting it by the way they live (Tit. 1:16).
- C. Some people today oppose the Word by choosing to ignore it (Jn. 12:42-43; Acts 24:24-27).
- D. Do we live as people who oppose the Word of God?

Do You Seek to Obey the Word?

- A. The Gentiles responded to the opposition by obeying and spreading the word (Acts 13:48-49, 52).
- B. It's one thing to hear the Word of God proclaimed but quite another thing to actually respond to the Word of God in obedience (Lk. 11:28; Jn. 14:15; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- C. Do we seek to respond to God's Word through our obedience?

Conclusion:

- A. What is your response when you hear God's word proclaimed?
- B. Our response should always be to obey the Word of God.