

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

PISIDIAN ANTIOCH WOMEN AND DAMARIS

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 21

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Lydia** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Acts 13:13-52

2. Set the scene for Paul's message from **V13-16**.
3. a) Summarize what God did in history with respect to Israel as outlined in **V17-22**.

b) What amazes you about God from these verses?
4. a) According to **V23**, what had God accomplished just as He promised?

b) What do you learn about the one who preceded Him? (**V24-25**)
5. a) What do you find significant about the good news from **V26-35**?

b) What truth about Jesus from **V36-41** is or has been the most difficult for you to believe and why?

6. What was the reception to the message of salvation by these various groups from **V42-50**:

Many of the Jews and devout converts _____

The whole city _____

Jews/Jewish leaders _____

The Gentiles _____

God-fearing women of high standing and leading men _____

7. a) Though very little is said about the Pisidian Antioch women (**V50**), what insights do you get from these three phrases:

- “God-fearing women”
- “Women of high standing”
- “Jewish leaders incited” them

b) What surprises you about their response to the clear Gospel message?

c) Which description of these women do you relate to most in how you did or didn't respond to the Gospel?

8. What immense truth is revealed in **V48**? How are you challenged by it?

9. How did Paul and Barnabas respond to their treatment in **V51-52**?

SECTION II: Read Acts 17:16-34

10. a) In **V16-17**, what prompted Paul to preach in Athens? Where and to whom did he preach?

b) In **V18-21**, describe the philosophers and how they reacted to Paul.

11. What was the spiritual condition of the people of Athens from Paul's observations in **V22-23**?

12. a) List the various aspects of God proclaimed by Paul at the Areopagus (Mars Hill) in **V24-29**.

b) Let these unfathomable aspects of God percolate in your heart and comment on one of them.

13. What firm realities are stated in **V30-31**?

14. a) According to **V32-34**, what was the range of reactions?

b) From the Athens crowd, who were the only two mentioned by name among those who believed?
(**V34**)

c) Given the setting in **V16-23**, take creative license in depicting this woman, Damaris.

15. From these Scriptures, what do you learn about the mystery of why some believe and some do not:

John 10:26-29

Romans 11:5-8

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

Ephesians 1:4-5

16. When you contrast the “bad and ugly” response to the Gospel by the Pisidian Antioch women with the “good” response of Damaris:

a) Write a truth you’ll remember when you share the Gospel.

b) What do you learn about sharing the Gospel from Paul’s two Gospel messages?

17. Write a prayer for those in your life who have not yet responded to the Gospel.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Heavenly wisdom is quite unlike the wisdom of man, which is foolishness in God’s sight. Meditate on the following verses and record your thoughts:

a) **Proverbs 3:5-6** _____

Proverbs 9:10 _____

Isaiah 33:6 _____

Jeremiah 9:23-24 _____

Colossians 2:2b-3 _____

1 Corinthians 3:18-20 _____

b) Share your own favorite verse on wisdom and why it’s a favorite.

2. Read **James 3:13-18**. Contrast what earthly wisdom produces with what God’s wisdom produces.

Human Wisdom

Godly Wisdom

3. How does one get true Godly wisdom, according to **James 1:5**?

4. Suggested Memory Verse: **Ephesians 1:17**

