The Book of Acts

This Week:

Lesson: First Missionary Journey Scripture: Acts 13:1-52

Next Week: Homework Scripture Read: Acts 14

Lesson Text:

Acts 13:1-3	The call of Paul and Barnabas
Acts 13:4-12	Cyprus – Blinding of Bar-Jesus
Acts 13:13-14	Travel notes – defection of John Mark
Acts 13:15-43	Sermon at Antioch of Pisidia
Acts 13:44-52	Turning to the Gentiles

Discussion:

• Discuss the importance of Acts 13:1 in regards to verses 2 and 3. Compare this to modern laying on of hands in ordination ceremonies.

"We believe that missionaries and pastors are sent by the individual local church, as they are called out by the Holy Spirit, to start other independent churches. We practice the act of ordination for these individuals as an opportunity for prayer, a statement of confidence in the qualifications of the individual, and an acknowledgement of the calling of the Holy Spirit to a specific ministry." – DJS 5/30/2007

- Locate all geographic locations given
- Note the defection of John, he will eventually go on missionary work with Barnabas and rejoin Paul at Rome, which may be where he wrote the chronologically first gospel (60-64 AD?), The Book of Mark.
- Discuss elements of Paul's sermon.