

# **WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Week of Sunday June 21, 2026**

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## INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 13:32–39**, God is not inviting us to build our own purpose, prove ourselves, or earn His approval. Instead, He is inviting us to trust Jesus, surrender our lives to Him, and participate in His purpose. Many people wrestle with questions of identity, significance, and whether their life really matters. We often feel pressure to be successful, perfect, or have everything figured out. This passage reminds us that purpose is found not in ourselves, but in Jesus, who saves us, forgives us, and sends us.

### **Main Passage:**

Acts 13:32–39

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# The Now Generation

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### READ ALOUD

Acts 13:32–39

**Opening Question:** What is something you thought would bring lasting satisfaction, but eventually realized wasn't enough?

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- What do you notice about the differences between David and Jesus?
- Why do you think Luke highlights that David served God's purpose in his generation but points to Jesus as the greater fulfillment of God's plan?
- What might change in someone's life if they truly believed God created them on purpose and for a purpose?

### APPLY

- Where are you most tempted to define your identity by something other than Jesus?
- What is one area of your life that feels difficult to fully surrender to God right now?
- How could God use your current season, relationships, or circumstances to accomplish His purpose through you?

### RESPOND

- What is one specific act of obedience God may be asking you to take this week?
- Who is one person God may be sending you to encourage, serve, pray for, or share your faith with?

### **DIGGING DEEPER** *(optional)*

Acts 13:26–41

- What themes are repeated throughout this section?
- How does Paul's message build toward the good news about Jesus?
- What do we learn about God's faithfulness throughout Israel's history and in Jesus?

### **PRAY**

Take a few moments to reflect on what God may be showing you through this passage. Ask Him to reveal any areas where you have been relying on yourself instead of trusting Him. Pray for courage to surrender whatever He is calling you to surrender and to walk in obedience this week. Thank Jesus for His forgiveness, His grace, and His purpose for your life.

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Acts 13:32–39

- What do you think it means to have a purpose from God?
- How did Jesus show God's love for us?
- What is one way we can follow Jesus this week at home, school, work, or with friends?
- Who is someone we can encourage or help this week?

*For younger children:* God made you, loves you, and has good plans for your life. You can trust Jesus and follow Him every day.

*For older kids or students:* What is one area of your life where you need to stop following your own plan and start trusting God's plan?

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## BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

**Scripture to read as you pray this week:**

- **Day 1:** Acts 9:1–9
- **Day 2:** Acts 9:10–19
- **Day 3:** Acts 9:20–31
- **Day 4:** Acts 9:32–43
- **Day 5:** Acts 9:36–43

## **What's Going On?**

In Acts 13, Paul is preaching in a synagogue and explaining how God's promises throughout Israel's history ultimately point to Jesus. He reminds the people that David was a faithful king who served God's purpose in his generation, but David eventually died. Jesus, however, rose from the dead and lives forever.

Through Jesus, forgiveness and freedom from sin are available to everyone who believes. This passage reminds us that our lives find meaning when we trust Christ and participate in His mission.

## **A Bit of Background**

When Paul references David, his audience would have immediately recognized him as Israel's greatest king. By comparing David with Jesus, Paul is showing that even the best human leader pointed forward to someone greater.

David served God's purpose for a season, but Jesus is the eternal King whose death and resurrection make salvation possible for all who believe.