

Call it a routine. Every week, you gather with the same group. You go through the motions. You could do it in your sleep. As a matter of fact, you've been caught napping a time or two. This has been happening like clockwork since you were a youngster. Once the law and the prophets were read, the leader of the group would say, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak." We never knew what to expect. But, the visitors that day came prepared to exhort us, and it changed some of us...forever! You see...

The \_\_\_\_\_ *encourages seekers!*

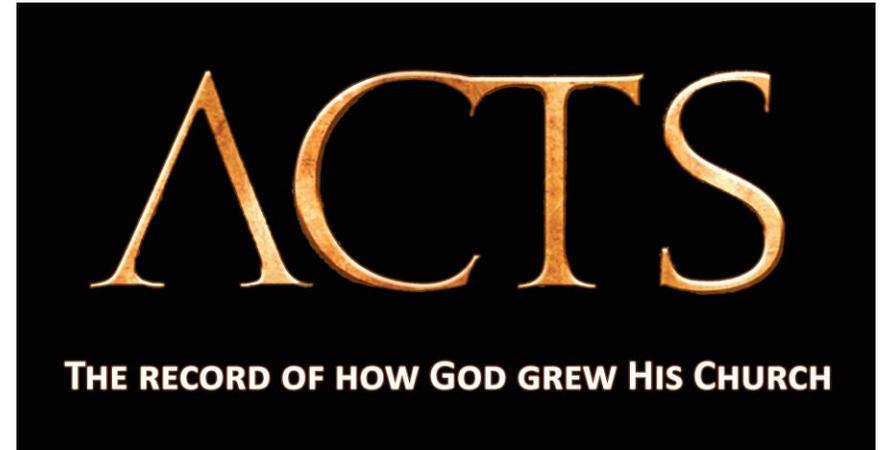
\_\_\_\_\_ *on Jesus (vs.26-37)*

*Confirm your* \_\_\_\_\_ *...(vs 38-52)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *what you know to be true (vs. 13-25)*

## Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. Recall a time God used someone to encourage you.
2. Given the opportunity to speak in the synagogue, Paul reflected on how God had been at work among His people. History is His-story following His purpose among the people of His creation. God gives hope and direction to His people when we reflect on what He has done in the past. Remembering is a core element in worship. How has meditation on what He's already done, shaped the direction of your life?
3. Chapter 13 highlights a number of ways the Holy Spirit worked in the lives of those who were filled with the Spirit. Be prepared to discuss what you are discovering about the work and words inspired by the Holy Spirit. How is this consistent with what Jesus promised in John 14 and 16 about Him?
4. How do we know when it's actually the Holy Spirit working in our midst?
5. How is the Holy Spirit encouraging/exhorting our church?



## Who encourages you?

**Acts 13:13-52**

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