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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Book of Acts: The Ripple Effect  
GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth  
Acts 13:44-52, February 26th & March 1st, 2026  
Jealous Insiders and Joyous Outsiders.

Prayer Requests:

Read Aloud: Acts 13:44-52, John 1:6-13, Matthew 5:16

1. v. 44-45, 49-50 “<sup>44</sup>The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup>But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.” “<sup>49</sup>And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. <sup>50</sup>But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.” The jealous begin to contradict, slander, incite, and instigate. What is the root of jealousy? Can you relate to the Jewish leaders’ reaction?

2. v. <sup>47</sup>“For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, That You may bring salvation to the end of the earth.’” (*Isaiah 49:6*) How can we do this better as a church, the ecclesia, called out ones? Do you see yourself as a reflection of Jesus to the world? Why or why not?

3. v.52 “And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” What are the main differences between the jealous insiders and the joyous outsiders? How does the author Luke compare these two different ideas of being filled? (pimplēmi, plēroō)