

Small Group Resources
12th June 2016

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| Theme & Passage(s) | Life Together: Collaborating in Mission Acts 13 |
| Welcome | Share your best and worst experiences of working with others. |
| Worship | <p>Psalms and songs: Psalm 133 Psalm 96 This is my desire (Lord I give you my heart) Father of Creation (Let your glory fall)</p> <p>Worship Ideas: Together try to list as many mission partners, organisations and agencies that BBC has relationship with as possible. Give thanks to God for these relationships and pray for their fruitfulness.</p> |
| Word/ Read & Reflect | <p>Begin in silence, welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide you.</p> <p>Read the passage(s) and then be silent. Read again. Be silent once more, attentive to the Spirit.</p> <p>If you don't want to read the entire chapter you may want to focus on vv. 1-5, 13-15, 42-52.</p> <p>Share out of this experience... If time, consider some of the following questions...</p> <p>Caroline made three observations about what it means to collaborate in mission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need to acknowledge and offer our unique contribution 2. The process/journey is as important as the outcome/destination 3. We need to learn to relinquish control <p>Where in this story do you see examples of collaboration? You may also want to consider other examples of partnership throughout the book of Acts.</p> <p>Verse 1 refers to the five prophets and teachers at the church in Antioch, all of whom hail from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Share what you know or remember about these characters. What are the strengths and challenges of collaborating with people who come from a different background to your own?</p> <p>vv.4-5 mentions the three individuals in this small missionary team sent out from Antioch. What do you think their different roles were in the team? All of us have a role to play in God's big mission. Have you considered what your unique contribution (or 'piece of the jigsaw') is? You may want to consider this in terms of your role in the church and on your 'frontline'.</p> <p>We see from this chapter that people's response to the Gospel was mixed - Paul and Barnabas experienced ups and downs [see illustration below]. How does</p> |

this speak into our partnerships as a church or as individuals?

Working it out

Are there situations in your life (work, leisure, family, creative pursuits etc) where a partnership or collaboration is working particularly well or is struggling?. Pray for one another. You may want to break into pairs or threes to do this.

Extra

Illustration Caroline used at the 11am:

