

GROUPS

sermon guide

RIOTS & REVIVALS - 10/26/2025 LANCE WATSON

MAIN IDEA

KICK THE DUST OFF

TALK ABOUT IT

- ICEBREAKER: Share a funny or relatable story of when something got stuck to you (mud, tape, gum etc.)
- What stood out to you as we read this passage? What part of Sunday's message hit closest to home for you?
- Why do you think Paul and Barnabas' message caused such strong, divided reactions?
- How have you seen the truth of God's Word both comfort some people and disturb others?
- When has God's truth "disturbed" something in you — maybe challenged your comfort zone or assumptions?
- How do emotions like jealousy, pride, or offense sometimes block people from hearing truth?
- How can we respond with grace and wisdom when someone's opposition to us (or to truth) is emotional rather than logical?
- How do Paul and Barnabas demonstrate emotional maturity and focus on their God-given mission instead of personal offense?
- What does it mean for you personally to be "a light" in your family, workplace, or community?
- The pastor asked, "What is your 'I'? What's the thing only you can do?" — how would you answer that?
- Rejection didn't stop Paul's mission — it redirected it. What area of your life might God be trying to redirect for something greater?
- What do you think it means to "shake the dust off your feet" in a spiritual sense?
- Why do you think the disciples could be joyful even after rejection and persecution?
- What "dust" — past disappointments, wounds, or frustrations — might you need to shake off so you can move forward with joy?
- How does the awareness of God's presence change how you handle hardship or waiting seasons (e.g., delayed promotion, unanswered prayer, etc.)?
- Where in your life might God be saying, "It's time to shake it off and move forward"?
- Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart..." What helps you take heart in difficult times?

KEY SCRIPTURES

ACTS 13:42-52

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - Join us at one of our Sunday services: 8:30am, 10am & 11:30am
 - Spanish translation available during our 10am service
- **EXPERIENCE**
 - **Life Groups Highlight** - Chelan WA, Wednesdays at 6pm
 - For more information text/call at 509 433-7402
- **EXPAND**
 - Light the Night - October 31st - [Sign up to serve HERE](#)

GOING DEEPER

- **Reflection:** In what specific way can you be a "light to the Gentiles" this week — sharing the hope of Jesus with someone who may have resisted or never heard the gospel?
- **Journal:** Where in your life do you sense that God might be asking you to release something — a disappointment, an expectation, or an offense — so that He can redirect your focus to something new?
- **Application:** This week, what's one practical way you can "kick the dust off" — by choosing joy, forgiveness, or forward motion — so that you can walk more freely in the presence and purpose of God?