

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – Preaching to Gentiles

Isaiah 49:6 *He says:*

*"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

Give everyone a blank file card. Have your students open their Bibles to Isaiah 49:6 and write the verse on their cards. Challenge them to (1) find where the last part of this verse is cited in the New Testament, and (2) find out why it is cited there.

*"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

Allow four or five minutes for them to answer the question in writing. Then discuss their answers. How is the Isaiah passage appropriate in the context of Acts 13:47?

If necessary, remind your students that they need to use cross-references.