

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

THE CHURCH: Established. Empowered. Expanding – Acts 13:1-12 - “The Church On Mission” - 2.02.2025

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart? If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond? As you read Acts 13:1-12, what stands out to you about these verses and how do they relate specifically to following God’s leading?
2. At the beginning of the message I shared a story about a time I saw the impact of people coming together to help save the corn silage from the silo that fell over on our farm when I was a kid. Share about a time when you have witnessed the impact of people working together to accomplish something that could never have been done alone. Church, what is God calling us into together that we can’t do on our own?
3. In Acts 13, we see five men mentioned who were leaders in the church at Antioch. What can we tell about the church from this list of men? What activities of the church were mentioned? How did those activities impact the work God was calling them into?
4. God called Saul & Barnabas to a specific work of sharing the gospel with the gentiles. How did this process work in the church in Antioch? What does it look like to be sent by the Holy Spirit and the Local Church?
5. Have you ever been called by God to go into an uncomfortable or unknown situation to share the good news of the gospel? How did the Holy Spirit help you in this situation?
6. Paul & Barnabas came across three different types of people on the island of Cyprus. Those who were open to the gospel (Jews at the synagogue), those who were opposed to the gospel (Elymas), and those who accepted the gospel (Sergius Paulus). Did the posture of the audience change the method or message that was proclaimed? Is it be the same for us today?
7. How does knowing that God is the one who saves affect how we proclaim the gospel to our neighbors and the nations?
8. Below are the main points from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, or challenge, you, if so, how?

## **God Calls His People To Follow His Leading Together**

By Seeking the Lord Together

- In Worship & Prayer

Going Where God Sends

- Stepping into the Unknown & Uncomfortable

Speaking the Word Boldly

- Through Teaching & Evangelism Wherever We Are

Trusting God With The Outcome

- Knowing He is the One Who Saves