



The Spirit Sets Apart and Sends

Acts 13:1-4

Sermon Sentence

The Holy Spirit Uses the Local Church to Set Apart and Send Called Men and Women for God Appointed Works among Unreached Peoples.

The Spirit Calls Us to Christ for God Appointed Works

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

The Spirit Uses the Local Church to Set Apart the Called for God Appointed Works Among Unreached Peoples

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 13:2

The Spirit Uses the Local Church to Send the Called for God Appointed Works among Unreached Peoples

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

Acts 13:3–4 (NIV)

Read It!

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Open It!

On what occasions do we give people farewells or sendoffs? What is the most memorable sendoff that you've witnessed?

Consider It!

What do we learn about the diversity of leadership at the church in Antioch (13:1)?

To what spiritual activities did the leaders of the church at Antioch give themselves (13:2)?

Why might leaders of a church today want to worship and fast together?

What did God expect the local church at Antioch to do (13:2)?

What characterized Barnabas' ministry to others (Acts 4:36; 9:26-27)?

What spiritual work was Saul called to do (Acts 9:15)?

What spiritual work did Barnabus' do (Acts 4:36; 9:26-27; 11:19-26)?

How did the church respond to the Holy Spirit (13:3)?

Why do you think the leaders lay hands on Barnabas and Saul (13:3)?

Why should churches pray over and lay hands on sent ones?

How can our church best serve and support those whom we have sent?

What will you do to serve the missionaries of this church?

Live It!

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Seek God for our Missionaries. Request a copy of "Seek God for Your Missionary" so that you can pray kingdom prayers from God's word on their behalf (Email [Pastor Tom](#)).

Support a Missionary by becoming a financial partner in the work God has called them to do (e.g. Philippians 4:10-20).