

Acts 13:1-3

A NEW *Beginning*



LOOK TO THE CROSS FOR ETERNAL HOPE

Principles for Planting

Acts 13:1 Now there were **in the church that was at Antioch** certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, **Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, **they sent *them* away.**



I. THE CHRISTIAN'S MOTIVE FOR EVANGELISM

A. Involvement due to Obedience, Mt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8

B. Involvement developing Opportunity, Acts 13:13-14



Acts 13:13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from **Paphos**, they came to **Perga** in **Pamphylia**: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to **Antioch in Pisidia**, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

24 And after they had passed throughout **Pisidia**, they came to **Pamphylia**.

25 And when they had preached the word in **Perga**, they went down into **Attalia**:

26 And thence sailed to **Antioch**, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.



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II. THE CHURCH, THE MECHANISM FOR EVANGELISM

A. The Authority to Initiate, Acts 13:1, 14:26

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3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, **they sent *them* away.**

Acts 14:26 And thence sailed to **Antioch, from whence they had been recommended** to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

B. The Assurance for Indemnity, Acts 14:26, 15:35, 18:22-23

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Acts 15:35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Acts 18:22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

23 And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed, and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

7 Principles for Church Planting According to the NT Pattern

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1. Church planters were sent; they did not just volunteer to go.
2. Church planters were nurtured first under apostolic church leadership.
3. Planters had a clear leading of the Lord that was confirmed by the church.
4. They went into cultural contexts they were prepared for.
5. They had a leadership team.
6. They had financial backing.
7. They planted congregations that stayed connected to the founding apostolic leader.

Conclusion

Jn. 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Jn. 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Jas. 2:17 Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ...**

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead? ...**

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead also.**

Gal. 5:6 “...but **faith which worketh by love.**”

