

Small Group Study

Our Vision

To know God and enjoy Him forever.

Our Mission

To build a Christian community by making fully devoted disciples of non-religious and nominally religious people



Discussion

Power with Purpose: When God Says “Go”

Scripture

Have volunteers read the following scripture: **Acts 13:1-52**

Questions

1. Reread Acts 13:1. How many pastoral leaders are in the church at Antioch? What is the New Testament pattern for developing church leadership (Acts 14:23; 20:17; Titus 1:5; James 5:14)?

2. Where are these leaders from? What kinds of differences might they have had? What does this passage show us about the nature of the leadership team at the church of Antioch? Why is this helpful for those churches that wish to become a “missionary church?”

3. What spiritual gifts did they have (Eph. 4:11 and 1 Cor. 12:27-30)? What was the purpose of these gifts (Eph. 4:11-16)?

4. Read Acts 13:2. What do these leaders model for the whole church (Romans 15:7; Ephesians 4:1-6; Acts 4:32)? Why is this also essential for being a “missionary church?”

5. Read Acts 13:3-13. What was the response of Barnabas and Saul to the call of the Spirit to leave their church? What was the response of the people? What is the significance of the laying on of hands?

6. Look over Acts 13:14-52 again. What was the pattern that Paul and Barnabas followed in the cities they visited (Acts 13:5; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4; 19:8)? Why would they follow this pattern (Romans 1:16; Acts 13:46-47)?

Ice Breaker

Use ONE of the questions to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)

1. What was something you did in your life that was very challenging to achieve?

2. What is one area in which you’ve really grown and developed in your life?

3. What is one thing you are really passionate about?

7. What is the message preached through Jesus Christ (Acts 13:38-39)? What was God's desire for the Jews (Acts 13:47)?
8. How did the Gentiles respond to this message (Acts 13:48-49)? How did many of the Jews respond (Acts 13:50)?
9. What can we learn from this story about what it means to be fully committed to Jesus Christ?

God bless,

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