

Holy Spirit Led Mission

Acts 13-14



River Church Marlow Values

- Charismatic
- Non religious
- Missional
- Inclusive
- Generous



Setting the Scene

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- 11²⁰⁻²² some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus. The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord. When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch.
- 11²⁵⁻²⁶ Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch

Setting the Scene

- 11²⁹⁻³⁰ So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.
- 12²⁵ When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission to Jerusalem, they returned, taking John Mark with them.

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- All are called/All are reached
- Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul
 - People from Cyrene present at Pentecost
 - People from Cyrene reach out in Antioch

Mission : Spirit Inspired



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- The Spirit takes them into new places, to new people, with new people
 - Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8)
 - Peter and Centurion Cornelius' household (Acts 10)

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- 13²⁻³ Worship, fasting, prophecy, laying on of hands
- Luke really wants to make the point
 - 13² **the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me...”**
 - 13⁴ The two of them, sent on their way **by the Holy Spirit...**

Mission : Spirit Empowered



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Signs and Wonders

- Elymas the Sorcerer
 - 13⁹ Paul, full of the Holy Spirit
 - Redemptive?
- 14³ the apostles stayed there a long time, preaching boldly about the grace of the Lord. And the Lord proved their message was true by giving them power to do **miraculous signs and wonders**

Mission: Spirit Empowered

Preaching (and interpretation of Scripture)

13⁴²⁻⁴⁴ As Paul and Barnabas left the synagogue that day, the people begged them to speak about these things again the next week. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, and the two men urged them to continue to rely on the grace of God. The following week almost the entire city turned out to hear them preach the word of the Lord.

Mission: Spirit Empowered

Response to rejection

13⁵⁰⁻⁵² they incited a mob against Paul and Barnabas and ran them out of town. So they shook the dust from their feet as a sign of rejection and went to the town of Iconium. And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Mission: The Spirit & Us

As we live lives full of the Holy Spirit:

- In what ways will the Spirit us to new people & places?
- In what ways will the Spirit inspire us to Mission
- In what ways will the Spirit empower us?