

Location Conversation Expectation

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¹Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said,

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“Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. —Acts 13:1-4 ESV

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Following Christ...

(Acts 13:2)

Involves a Call to Gather and to Go

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. —Acts 1:8 ESV

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¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. —Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

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“Missional living means viewing my life as being SENT by God regardless of the place I live or the people I encounter.”

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Following Christ... (Acts 13:5)
Focuses Our Lives and Future
on the Gospel

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“If there is no message,
there is no mission.”

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⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them... ²⁶“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.” —Acts 13:5, 26 ESV

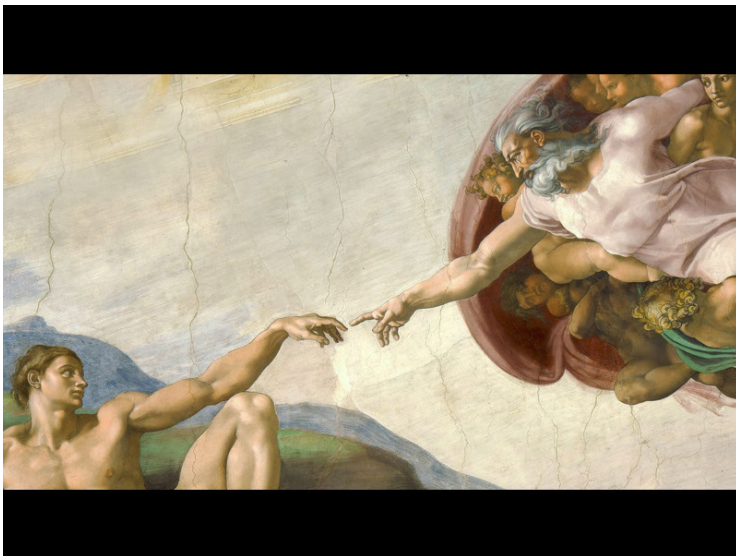
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²⁸And though they found in Him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have Him executed. ²⁹And when they had carried out all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised Him from the dead,

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³¹and for many days He appeared to those who had come up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. ³²And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers... ³⁸Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this Man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you... —Acts 13:28-32, 28 ESV

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Following Christ... (Acts 13:8-10)
Opens Amazing Doors of Opportunity,
But We Must Always Prepare for Adversity

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“The doors of opportunity always swing on the hinges of opposition.”

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But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.
—Acts 13:51 ESV

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“Unbelief is morally vicious.”
—Charles Ryrie

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Following Christ... (Acts 14:22)
Blends Our Lives and
Builds Our Faith Together

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...strengthening the souls of the
disciples, encouraging them to
continue in the faith, and saying
that through many tribulations
we must enter the kingdom of
God. —Acts 14:22 ESV

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“The mission of the church
is disciple-making and the
mission of missions is
simply the multiplication
of disciple-makers who are
near and go far.”

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“What God is seeking, what He is
looking for, is not the brightest and
best. God is looking for people who
are willing to live on the edge.
People who are longing to live with
significance and impact. People who
are willing to believe that what God
has said is true and will step out in
tiny incremental steps as God leads.

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People who will let God breathe into
them dreams that can change the
world. People who long to see God's
agenda fulfilled in this fallen world
that they attempt what seems
impossible, ridiculous, ‘outside the
box,’ for God's glory. People with
holy ambition.” —Chip Ingram

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