

Small Group Discussion Outline



A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR "LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD" SERIES

"The purpose of vision is to create the future"

-George Barna, Barna Ministries

This study is taken from material written by George Barna and supplied with his book "The Power of Vision". These studies are designed to help you explore what the scriptural passage says in its own context, how it relates to key principals of vision and visionary leadership and how you can apply what you have learned. This is the first of three studies we will be working through.

Our discussion for this worksheet will centre around the Early Church and how it received its vision for ministry from God.

One account recorded in Acts occurred in AD. 47 in the city of Antioch in modern day Syria.



Read: Acts 13:1-3



1. What is the Church doing as the passage unfolds?

2. Describe in your own words what worship is?

(see Luke 24:52-53; Acts 1:14; Acts 2:42-47;
Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:16)

3. What is fasting?

(see 2 Chronicles 20:3-4; Acts 14:23)



4. Who was present (in Acts 13:1-3)

5. Note their names; what do these names tell us?

6. What kinds of people are found within the Church?



7. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit's saying "set them apart"?

8. What is the significance of the laying on of hands?



9. What are some of the tasks of the Church according to this passage?



10. What vision does God's Spirit give to the Church of Antioch with regard to the work to which He called Paul and Barnabas?

(see Acts 13:2; Acts 19:15; Acts 22:21; Acts 26:16-18)

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11. Has God given you and your church a vision through pointing to a certain person or certain persons whom He has gifted and to whom He has given a burden for a particular ministry?



12. Once the Holy Spirit's direction was stated in Acts 13:2, what did the Church do in Acts 13:3?



13. Were the actions in Acts 13:3 seeking confirmation of the message, or do they reflect hesitation on the part of the Church?



14. What do you feel is the most significant point today's Church should learn from this historical event in Acts 13:1-3?



15. What do James 4:13-15 and Proverbs 3:6 show about implementing and maintaining the vision for ministry God has given you and your church?

16. How does ongoing prayer fit into this process?

(see *Ephesians* 5:18; *Philippians* 4:4-7)

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