

Participating in the Mission

Acts 13:1-5

- ❖ **A principle for interpreting historical narrative:** When handling narrative sections of scripture we must always ask what truth or practice in the particular passage does God intend for us to respond to as normative?
- ❖ **Becoming an “Antioch” Church: The Importance of our Ecclesiology**

1. Our leaders must be committed to hearing from the Lord. 1-2a

While they were...

....worshipping the Lord

...fasting

2. The Holy Spirit is the One who identifies people to be sent out on the mission. 2b

- The Holy Spirit SPOKE. V.2
- The Holy Spirit SENT. V.4
- The Holy Spirit FILLED. V.9

3. Through the Holy Spirit’s leading the Church sends missionaries out into the world. 3-4

When they had...

...fasted

...prayed

Question: What is the significance of the phrase “laid their hands on them”?

4. Our task must always be the proclamation of God’s rescue plan as recorded in His Word. 5

a) Word central. Acts 13:32-33, 38-39, 46-48

b) Opposition expected. Acts 13:6-12; 49-51; 14:2-5; 19-20