

MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

Acts 9:10-15; Acts 13:1-5

I. GOD'S CALLING:

Meeting a need vs. calling...

*“But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is **a chosen instrument of Mine...**’”*

~Acts 9:15

*“While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘**Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them**’.”*

~Acts 13:2

“...Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.”

~Acts 15:39b-40

“Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.”

~Acts 16:1-3

- Luke (**Colossians 4:14; II Timothy 4:11**)
- Tychicus (**Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 4:7**)
- Epaphroditus (**Philippians 4:18**)
- Onesimus (**Colossians 4:9**)
- Aristarchus (**Colossians 4:10**)

- John Mark (**II Timothy 4:11**)

II. PEOPLE GROUP CHOSEN:

*“But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the **Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel...**’”*

~ Acts 9:15

*“When they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So, **being sent out by the Holy Spirit**, they went down to **Seleucia** and from there they sailed to **Cyprus**. When they reached **Salamis**, they **began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews**; and they also had John as their helper...Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from **Paphos** and came to **Perga in Pamphylia...**”*

~ Acts 13:3-5, 13

Paul...

1st Missionary journey: **Antioch, Cyprus, Galatian** cities.

2nd Missionary journey: **Europe, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens**, and **Corinth**.

3rd Missionary journey: **Ephesus, Greece, Asia Minor...**from **Troas to Miletus to Caesarea**.

III. CHURCH'S COMMISSIONING:

*“Then, when they (the church at Antioch) had **fasted and prayed** and **laid their hands on them**, they **sent them away**.”*

~ Acts 13:3

“If a commission by an earthly king is considered a honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?”

~David Livingstone (1813 - 1873)

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