

## Family Discipleship Resource

Mar 22-28

(Acts 13:1-12)



### **G** – Gather for Prayer

*Father,*

*Thank you for enlisting me in your mission. Help me to be faithful to my role and encourage my participation as well as the participation of our church.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **R** – Read the Text (Acts 13:1-12)

*Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. <sup>4</sup> So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, <sup>7</sup> who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. <sup>8</sup> But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. <sup>9</sup> But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him, <sup>10</sup> and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time." And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup> Then the proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.*

### **O** – Observe what God has said

***How would you describe the church in Antioch at the beginning of Acts 13?***

***In what ways is our church similar/different?***

***What forms of opposition does the church face today as she is on mission?***

### **W** – Work on Application

There is a lot we can learn from this account of the first missionary journey in Acts. However, the takeaways related to what is reported here depend on where you find yourself on mission today. If you are disengaged from the mission altogether, this passage calls you to take steps toward increased participation in the greatest adventure. Perhaps that means getting to know those whom God has

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already placed around you. Perhaps you need to increase your diet of God's Word (seeking to hear it preached and taught more regularly). Perhaps it is participating in ministry rather than just enjoying what ministries can give you and yours. Perhaps it means growing in dependency on the Lord (even endorsing a fast of some kind). Whether one or some combination of these, my prayer is that we would become a church that is the full of the kind of people that God would be pleased to use in extraordinary ways as we are sent out on mission.

***What areas need growth in our life?***

***What areas need growth in our church's life?***

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away"-Acts 13:3*