

Bible Study Lesson (1)

The First Missionary-Sending Church

Acts 13:1-3

13 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (New Revised Standard Version)

Q1. Who were the church leaders of Antioch church? v.1a

Q2. What kind of additional information can you get? v.1b

Q3. What did they do, and what did the Spirit of God say? v.2

Q4. How did they send the missionaries? v.3

Deep Questions:

D1. What could you find in this short passage about the one of the first churches, Antioch church? What did the church look like?

D2. What is the most important lesson that you learned from the passage?

D3. Where are Antioch and Jerusalem? Mark those two cities on the map.

Prayer:

God of love and mercy, we are so grateful for our church community that becomes the foundation of our faith. Lord, you called the Holy Spirit to form this loving community and share your love beyond the boundary that people set. Help us to open our heart so that we also become part of your ministry and let us share the love that you have shown us, so that we can be welcoming people and a church that implements true hospitality. We pray in your name, amen.