

Sermon Notes: "CALLED AND COMMISSIONED"

Date: February 12, 2023 - Acts 12:24 - 13:3

Central Idea: God leads His church to call out and commission missionaries for the work He is developing in the world. Do you pray for missionaries and support them?

Introduction: This watershed chapter in our book shows several major shifts in Luke's history of the early church. The spotlight moves from Jerusalem to Antioch, from Peter to Paul, from Jews to Gentiles, and from Palestine to the Mediterranean world. The church which began in Jerusalem spread to other cities. At least forty different cities are named in Acts.

I. The Development Acts 12:24-25

- 1. Dissemination v. 24**
- 2. Departure v. 25**

II. The Commission Acts 13:1-3

- 1. Church v. 1**
- 2. Office v. 1**
- 3. Names v. 1**
- 4. Worship v. 2**
- 5. Fasting v. 2**
- 6. Holy Spirit v. 2**
- 7. Ordination v. 3**
- 8. Sending v. 3**

III. The Mission Acts 13:4-5

- 1. Their orders v. 4**
- 2. Their course v. 4**
- 3. Their method v. 5**

Conclusion: Luke shows us a total willingness to be used of God in moving out to proclaim the gospel wherever He would send His servants. We must recapture that in our day! Opportunities come to people who are busy serving the Lord. If you want God's guidance, get busy where you are, and He will show you the next step.