



Called to Go: Paul's First Missionary Journey

## Goals

- Be able to chart Paul's First Missionary journey.
- Examine the journey's success and the opposition that Paul and Barnabas encountered.
- Begin to understand Paul's theology of sin and salvation.
- Continue to make connections between the life and message of Paul and your own life and faith.

## Biblical Text (Acts 13:1-4a)

"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. 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." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went. . . ."

## Outline

- Acts 13: 16b-41 (translation: The Message).
- Paul and Barnabas travel to Jerusalem to deliver aid during a time of famine (date: around the year 47 A.D.)
- God's call to Paul and Barnabas in worship & fasting; they are commissioned by their church (Acts 13:2-3).
- Paul's "First" Missionary Journey: Was it really his first missionary journey?
- Via Cyprus (home of Barnabas, Acts 4:36) and coastal Perga to <u>Pisidian</u> Antioch (Acts 13:4-12)
- Pauls' sermon in Antioch (Acts 13:14-39); his longest reported sermon; theme: sin and salvation.
- Paul and Barnabas travel to Iconium: jealous opposition develops (Acts 13:44-45).
- The crowd attempts to stone Paul in Lystra (stoning, Acts 14:18-19), Paul returned to Lystra ( Acts 14:20) Paul and Barnabas travel to Derbe (Acts 14:21).
- Perseverance in the face of opposition; Paul and Barnabas return along the same route they had come (Acts 14:22-23).
- Paul appoints leaders in Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Pisidian Antioch (Acts 14:22-23). Paul describes what good elders (*episcopoi*) are to be like in Titus 1:5-9
- Paul and Barnabas head home to Syrian Antioch, their home church (Acts 14:24-28).
- Paul and Barnabas reported of their experiences to their home church. and stayed there for a while (Acts 14:27-28).

