

Acts (Part 20): Calling & Mission

Bulletin Outline

1. God's calling is confirmed in community. (1-3)
 - a. Paul & Barnabas were already serving when called.
 - b. The Lord spoke to the church in a time of worship, fasting, and prayer.
 - c. Some callings are just for a season.

2. God's calling is commissioned by his wisdom.
 - a. He's given us different gifts for different ways of serving.

3. God's calling is covered in grace.

Discussion Questions

GOSPEL

1. In light of Acts 13, how would you respond to someone who says, “I’m not in full-time ministry, so that passage doesn’t apply to me”?
2. What are the dangers of confusing giftedness with godliness when recognizing or affirming someone’s ministry calling?
3. How does the church at Antioch’s response to the Spirit’s call demonstrate their understanding of stewardship in leadership and gifting?

COMMUNITY

1. What role should the local church play in affirming or denying someone’s sense of calling to vocational ministry? How might communal discernment and shared spiritual practices strengthen relational bonds within a church?
2. In what ways does sending out your best leaders (as Antioch did) challenge common approaches to preserving unity and comfort in the church? Evaluate the cost of churches failing to send their best people for the sake of mission.

MISSION

1. How does Antioch’s willingness to send out Paul and Barnabas challenge typical church growth strategies focused on accumulation rather than multiplication?
2. How does the call of Paul and Barnabas illustrate that faithful local service is foundational for global mission?
3. What patterns do you see in how the Holy Spirit calls and sends leaders in Acts 13, and how might those patterns inform Lighthouse Church’s efforts to equip and send others?