PRAYER

• Take the time to pray for a long-term or short-term missionary that you may know.



NOTES

• Pray for the church planting endeavors of Every Nation World Missions.

 Pray that the Lord would use you to pray for, send missionaries on, and personally go on a short-term missions trip.



CONNECT

- Which country would you like to visit? Why?
- If you can be a representative to an international event, what would you like it to be? Explain why.
- If ever you would go on a short-term (Ten Days) mission trip, where will it be? What about that nation inspires you to go?

WORD

²While 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." ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

Acts 13:2-4

WHAT) What does the Bible say?

Since Jesus commissioned His disciples to make disciples, the gospel has been preached all around the world. And we find in Acts 13 that the early church would intentionally "send" people in obedience to the Great Commission. Here, we see a clear example of God using a local church begin to have a global impact. As part of a local church, what does this mean for us today? Let us look closely at the early church's example.

• Paul and Barnabas were set apart.

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."

Acts 13:2

Paul and Barnabas were first and foremost called by the Holy Spirit. We need to understand that for every thing God has planned to do on earth, He will do through people whom He will call and these people are often found in a local church. Any person who is part of a local church is set apart to have global impact. How do you identify with Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19,20?

Paul and Barnabas were sent.

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13:3

Paul and Barnabas were supported by their local church. In fact, it was the early church who sent them off! We need to understand that for the gospel

to reach the ends of the earth, we must be willing to commission, pray for, and support the people whom God has called to spread the Good News. Just as there are people whom God calls to go, there are those who are called to send. Why are both callings equally important (Romans 10:15)?

• Paul and Barnabas went.

The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

Acts 13:4

After being commissioned to go, Paul and Barnabas obeyed and eventually "went." By the leading of the Holy Spirit, we see a picture of the local church being used by God as a launching pad in spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. Being part of a local church, we need to believe that God is able to use every member for global impact and part of that is going, whether long-term or short-term. What is God telling you to do in response to the Great Commission?

SO WHAT What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- What do you think are the benefits of being someone who "sends" missionaries to other nations?
- What do you think of the truth that God calls and uses any member of the local church to have an impact in the nations?
- Do you have a desire to go on a short-term (or long-term) missions trip? Which nation?

NOW WHAT How do I apply the Word to my life?

- How do you think can we practically apply the idea of being a "sender?"
- What nation/s do you have a desire or burden to go to? What immediate step can you take to put this to action?
- Would you be willing to go on a short-term missions trip? Who are those you know have gone on a Ten Days mission trip? What is their testimony?