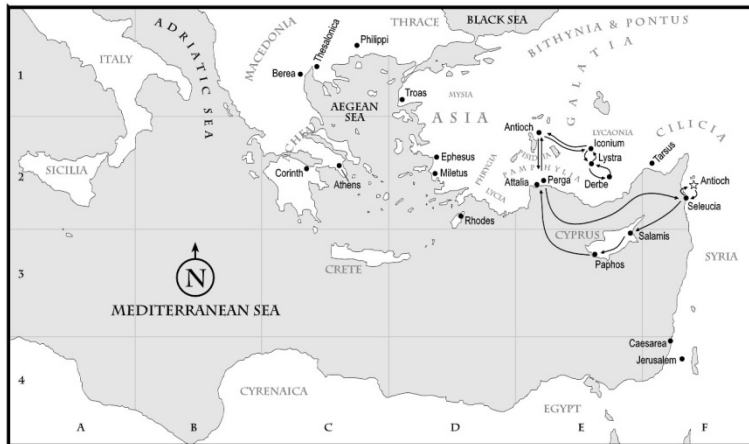


Paul's First Missionary Journey – (Study 4) *The Missionary Call*

Reading: Acts 12:25 -13:3



*“And you will be my
witnesses...to the ends of
the earth”*

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study notes
Tuesday 22nd/ Wednesday 23rd February

In our last study we left Saul and Barnabas taking gifts from the Antioch church to the believers in Jerusalem. They return and take up what you might expect to be a continuing ministry in that city. However...

- 1) What do the verses suggest about the progress of the church during the short time it has been established?
- 2) What is fasting, and what part does it play in the life of the Christian?
- 3) You may have heard people say that the Lord spoke to them about doing something. *What do you think actually happened here and why was Luke convinced it was from the Holy Spirit?*
- 4) How can we discern today that God is calling us or other people to specific tasks?
- 5) Why did they place their hands on Saul and Barnabas, and what is the significance in the order of events in verse 3?
- 6) What lessons can we learn for our own church life from what happened in these few verses?

“The book of Acts is a constant indictment of mere maintenance Christianity. It’s a constant goad and encouragement and stimulation to fan the flame of Advent—“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” (John Piper)