

Series: Acts the Blueprint for Church Health
Message: The Work God Calls You To
Text: Acts 12:25-13:5 (10/07/07 AM)

Chapter 13 of Acts is another significant transition in the unfolding drama of the early church. While Jerusalem served as the birthplace of the church, Antioch would become the mission sending arm of the emerging church. In today's text Saul (Paul) and Barnabas are sent out from Antioch as missionaries into the Roman Empire. A careful examination of this process reveals God's invitation to every believer *to the work He's called you to.*

- I. **A Christian should live as a surrendered sonnet. (2a)**
Availability garners the attention of God before ability.

- II. **The Spirit has a station for every servant. (2c)**
God equips us to serve with a place of ministry in mind.

- III. **The Spirit will separate us for service. (2b)**
Those who walk with God will beckon to His call.

- IV. **The Church sends the saint. (3)**
The Body recognizes our gifts and places us in ministry.

- V. **The Spirit will strengthen us to serve. (4)**
Whom the Spirit equips He empowers for ministry.

- VI. **God expects us to serve as faithful stewards. (5 & 25)**
Obedience is more pleasing to the Father than worship.

Application to our life: Are you walking in surrendered fellowship with the Father? Are you familiar with your gift package? Are you available to serve? *Will you invest your Sunday evenings in October to complete an exciting season of discovery?* Your walk with God will never be the same!