



ACTS

CHRIST BUILDS
HIS CHURCH

A Sending Church | Acts 13:1-3

MAIN POINT

Jesus builds His global church through the sending work of the local church.





A sending church is...

A church that beautifully reflects the goal of the great commission (v.1)



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A church that beautifully **reflects** the **goal** of the great commission (v.1)

Implication

Therefore, we must be united in the gospel



A sending church is...

A church that humbly **responds** to the **call** of
the great commission (v.2)

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A church that humbly responds to the call of the great commission (v.2)

Implication

Therefore, we must be dependent on the Holy Spirit



A sending church is...

A church that willingly **releases** its **best** for the work of the great commission (v.3)

A detailed, sepia-toned map of the ancient Near East, showing regions like Syria, Mesopotamia, and the Levant. Key locations such as Damascus, Babylon, and the Euphrates River are visible. The map is overlaid with a dark blue semi-transparent layer containing white and orange text.

A sending church is...

A church that willingly releases its best for the work of the great commission (v.3)

Implication

Therefore, we must be invested in the mission

POINTS TO PONDER

1.

Antioch provides
a timeless model
for missions

POINTS TO PONDER

2

We do well to submit
our big decisions to
the Lord



APPLICATION

Pray for the sending work of
New Castle Bible Church.



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EPHESIANS

“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE
ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR
THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK
WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH
AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL
GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.”

3:20-21

"A Sending Church"
Acts 13:1-3 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main point: Jesus builds His global church through the sending work of the local church.

A sending church is...

v.1 – A church that beautifully _____ the _____ of the great commission

v.2 – A church that humbly _____ to the _____ of the great commission

v.3 – A church that willingly _____ its _____ for the work of the great commission

Points to Ponder

1.

2.

Application: Pray for the sending work of New Castle Bible Church.

Growing Deeper

1. In what way(s) should a local church reflect the diversity of its local community? What dangers or threats emerge when a church becomes mostly homogenous (identical) in its people and giftings? What must be the source of the local church's unity?
2. What stands out regarding the "missions' model" of the early church in Antioch? In what way was their model impressive? In what way was it simple?
3. What does it look like for your life to be submitted to the direction of the Holy Spirit? How do you typically navigate life's big decisions? What can you learn from today's passage?
4. What role do individual church members play in the great commission? How do you support our Global Outreach Partners? How are you actively engaged in local outreach and evangelism?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 10/11 by reading and meditating on Acts 13:4-12.

Prayer Prompt: Gracious Lord, thank you for your beautiful design to build the universal church through the faithful work of the local church. Please continue to raise up laborers within our own congregation so that we may continue to carry out the mission of the church. May I do my part to boldly proclaim the gospel to the unbelievers within my own sphere of influence. Amen.

Reaching Farther

Family: As a family, create a plan to regularly pray for the Global Outreach Partners of New Castle Bible Church. Consider some possible ways you could be a greater blessing to them (prayer, communication, financial support, etc.). Discuss ways you can constantly keep their names and faces before you and your family.

Community: Prayerfully consider how you might be able to faithfully engage with your local community. Where do you see "gaps" or "opportunities" for where you can be sent into the local harvest?