

Sermon Title: The Local Church Goes Global

Cover Verse: Psalm 67:3-4

Sermon Text: Acts 13-14

Main Point: God calls the local church to reach farther by sending and serving global partners.

Outline:

1. How should the local church send global partners?

- With a Clear Calling (13:1-3)
  - Prompted by the Spirit
  - Covered in prayer
  - Approved by the church
- With a Clear Mission (14:21-23)
  - Make disciples
  - Establish churches
  - Appoint elders

2. How should the local church serve global partners?

- Through Prayer (13-14)
  - For their proclamation
  - For their persecution
  - For their perseverance
- Through Encouragement (14:24-28)
  - By welcoming them
  - By hearing them
  - By refreshing them

Application: Help New Castle reach farther by serving our local and global partners.

## Recommended Resources

Psalm 67  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Colossians 4:2-4  
3 John 6-8

*Missions* by Andy Johnson  
*Something Needs to Change* by David Platt  
*Let the Nations Be Glad* by John Piper  
*What is the Mission of the Church* by Kevin DeYoung & Greg Gilbert

2019 Global Outreach Day (08/11/19) Sermons  
<http://www.mynCBC.org/church/sermon-archive/page258.html&page=6>  
“The Workers of the Local Church” by Kevin Sauder  
“The Sending of the Local Church” by Kyle Krall  
“The Primacy of the Local Church” by Shaun Lewis

\*Please check out the resource table at the back of the Family Center. It includes multiple ‘reaching farther’ resources, as well as prayer passports with information regarding all our sent and supported missions partners.

## Life Group Questions for Discussion

1. Why is it important for the local church to be careful and prayerful in its selection of missionaries? What damage could be done by sending someone too quickly onto the mission field? What is the purpose of publicly commissioning a missionary for gospel ministry?
2. Read Acts 14:21-23. What was ministry/missions pattern for Saul and Barnabas? Should that be the same pattern for our global partners today? Why or why not?
3. How did today’s sermon change or strengthen your perspective on missions and the local church?
4. As an individual, family, or life group, discuss some ways you can regularly engage in prayer, encouragement, and support of our local and global ministry partners. When our global workers return home, how can you show the love of Christ to them? Think creatively! How can you begin taking steps this week?