

The Sending Church: 4) Missions-Active

Acts 13:1-3

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*Strive together as a missions-active church
who carries out God's work to the ends of the earth!*

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¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² 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." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

A missions-active church is marked by:

I. Diversity that springs up from faithful gospel-preaching (v.1)

- We are ready and willing for personal evangelism to anyone, anywhere and anytime.
- We are ready and willing to practice corporate transculturalism as a body of Christ.

Transculturalism: *To make the decision to go through discomforts and difficulties, in order to develop understanding and delight in people from a different culture.*

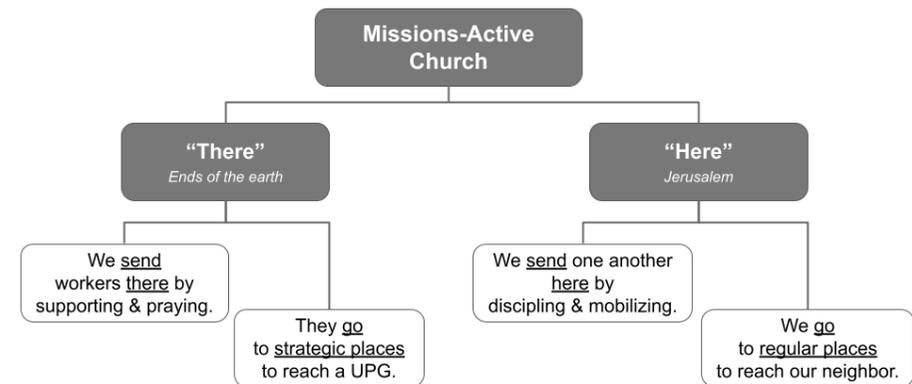
II. Worship that strives in faith-filled serving and seeking (v.2)

- We do not passively wait to serve the Lord until we find something that satisfies our desires.
- We passionately seek the Lord's will, fully surrendered to His desires.

III. Partnership that stirs on fellow missions-active living (v.3)

- We send out gospel workers with complete dependence on God and with full support.
- We stir one another on to be missions-active as "gospel friends on gospel mission."

Missions-active: *Every member being an active witness of Christ and an active participant in the work of missions, each directly involved in "sending and going, there and here."*



Life Application:

- Connect with a member in our church you might not naturally connect with.
- Serve a need that you see in our church that might be outside your skillset.
- Fast and pray with others to discern how you can participate in God's mission.
- Speak to someone about God, or speak to God about that person.