

The Antioch Dream: Empowering Leaders

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The Antioch Dream:

Joining with God to bring the nations to the gospel and the gospel to the nations.

The Antioch Priorities:

Engaging neighbors. Equipping believers. Empowering leaders.

Empowering Leaders:

Our missionary God leads his church to send his leaders to fulfill his mission.

· Why did they send them?

· How did they send them?

· Faith-filled steps:

- o Embrace your “sent-ness”
- o Take off your ceiling
- o Trim the sails
- o Put your “yes” on the table – go, send, or support

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What did you observe in this message about the missionary heart and ways of God?
3. Why do you think Paul and Barnabas brought Mark with them back to Antioch (12:25)? Has anyone invited you to “go along with” them in ministry? Who can you invite to go along with you in your ministry?
4. Read Acts 13:1 – what stands out to you about this leadership team? What lessons can we learn from this team?
5. Read Acts 13:2 – what do you think it looked like for them to worship the Lord, or minister to the Lord?
6. In your life and ministry, are you listening for the Holy Spirit? How could we make more room for this? What difference might it make?
7. What “work” do you think God has called you to as his ambassador? (Consider 2 Corinthians 5:16-20)
8. Do you have any “ceilings” on you that you need to take off? What? How?
9. In what practical ways can you support leaders and missionaries who are sent for God’s work?
10. In what practical ways can you consider whether God might be calling you to “go”?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read John 20:21, Acts 1:8, Romans 15:17-24, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Plan to be involved in our Missions Conference in October
Read some missionary biographies – <https://bit.ly/missionarybios>
Read “Is every Christian a missionary?”
– <https://bit.ly/everychristianmissionary>
Read about how to raise up leaders in the church
– <https://bit.ly/raiseupleaders>
Read about how to know if God is calling you to missions
– <https://bit.ly/godscallingmissions>
Read about what it means to be sent – <https://bit.ly/tobesent>
Read “How to be a Sending Church” – <https://bit.ly/beasendingchurch>
Read “5 Marks of Great Christian Leadership”
– <https://bit.ly/5marksleadership>
Watch “Developing the Leader Within You”
– <https://bit.ly/developingleaderwithinyou>

