REAP Guide

Guides exist to help followers of Jesus understand and live out Scripture together.

Acts – Nov 1, 2026

READ - *Make observations about the text as you read.*

Read Acts 13:1-3 considering what the Holy Spirit intends to communicate to us.

EXAMINE - *Determine what the texts means.*

- Why might it matter that this missional calling emerged from such a diverse church (v.1)? How does diversity reflect the gospel message?
- What might be the significance of the Holy Spirit addressing the church of Antioch "while they were worshiping the Lord and fasting" (v.2)?
- Biblically speaking, what does it mean to worship God? What actions might be associated with worship?
- What role does the laying of hands play in the sending of Barnabas and Saul? What is the church's role in mission?
- What does this passage teach about the mission of God and the church?

APPLY - *Discern how you might apply the text individually and communally.*

- Would you describe our community as one of worship and fasting? Why or why not? How can we become more like the Antioch church?
- The text doesn't tell us the specifics of *how* the Holy Spirit communicated with this church. What are some different ways He communicates with us today?
- The church of Antioch "gave up" key leaders for the sake of the global mission. What could this look like in our context today? How does this challenge us to live?
- How can we faithfully support the work of missionaries? (Think especially of your CG's supported global partner!)

PRAY - *Talk with God in response to this text.*

- Share prayer requests with your group and pray for one another.
- Praise God, confess sin, and make requests in light of the text.