

Study Guide Questions

Acts of the Apostles 13:1-3

1. The center of missionary operations now moves from Jerusalem to Antioch. Can you imagine any reason why? Why Antioch, with its worship of Daphne, of all places?
2. Pastor Alan suggested four characteristics of the church in Antioch which he portrayed as a *Church for the Nations*. They were:
 - A. Sensitivity to the Spirit.
 - (i) Do you think it is possible to know God's will with certainty as believers in Antioch did? What do you think compelled them in their understanding of God's will?
 - (ii) How do you see the relationship between the church in Antioch and the Holy Spirit?
 - (iii) What does it mean to you when Pastor Alan said, "The Spirit is the life of the body and the body is the instrument of the Spirit?"
 - B. Diversity of People and Gifts.
 - (i) How would you describe the diversity of the believing assembly in Antioch?
 - (ii) What are the strengths of diversity in a church body?
 - (iii) What dangers might it present and what must the church be on the lookout to safeguard?
 - C. Priority of Worship.
 - (i) How much priority do you give to corporate worship in your life? How easy is it to miss? What distractions do you face?
 - (ii) Why does it seem important to the believers at Antioch and what happened during their time of worship?
 - (iii) Do you really believe the Holy Spirit is present in worship and that He speaks to individual worshippers?
 - (iv) Has He ever spoken to you? How have you responded?
 - D. Selectivity of Call.
 - (i) How were Saul and Barnabas called to missionary service? How are modern missionaries called?
 - (ii) How did you feel when someone you knew was called to missionary or ministry work?
 - (iii) What do you believe God is calling you to be and to do? How can one know?
 - (iv) Is yours a call to remain in Antioch or to venture somewhere new? Why do you feel that to be so?