



- Paul and Barnabas would be leaving the church at Antioch, going to other areas of the world, and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a significant event in church history.
- This is God's plan at work, and in order for His plan to be accomplished we must get on board with God's plan.
- There are four truths in this text that must be embedded in our hearts. We must accept them and truly believe them.

**First truth: God \_\_\_\_\_ about others.**

- The idea of leaving the church at Antioch did not originate with Paul, Barnabas, or anybody else in the church.
- God Himself (through the Holy Spirit) made it clear that He was calling Paul and Barnabas to the special task of carrying the gospel of Christ to other \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. vs. 2

**Second truth: God uses \_\_\_\_\_ to reach others.**

- God is totally committed to working through \_\_\_\_\_ instrumentality.
- *"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30*
- *"Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them." Psalm 106:23*

**Third truth: God works through the local \_\_\_\_\_  
to reach others.**

- After God's call was made clear, notice how the local church responded in verse 3:
- First, they responded by fasting and \_\_\_\_\_ for Paul and Barnabas.
- Second, they laid hands on Paul and Barnabas.
  - This signified that they recognized their divine call into this ministry, and that they would stand \_\_\_\_\_ them in it.
- Third, they \_\_\_\_\_ them away.

**Fourth truth: God is consumed with seeking the lost, not our personal \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15*
- They were leaving a secure setting and launching into unknown territory. They were the \_\_\_\_\_ missionaries as we know them today.
- Paul and Barnabas were starting a new journey unlike anything they had ever done before. vs. 5
- Our primary concern cannot be, "How can we be more comfortable?" Our concern must be, "How can we \_\_\_\_\_ more people with the gospel of Christ?"