

GOD OPENING THE DOOR OF FAITH

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The visual theme for the MissionsFest is the doorway. It is so apt! Come hear how God both literally opens the door of faith to the least reached and is Himself the very Door to faith! Jesus opened the “*door of faith*” (Acts 14:27) for the first sending church in history, Antioch Church, which commissioned Paul and Barnabus, the first cross-cultural missionaries in New Testament history! Let us learn from Antioch Church about being a dynamic sending church that sends out workers as “*sheep among wolves.*” (Luke 10:1-3)

SERMON NOTES:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think Jesus sends His workers ahead of Him to EVERY place and town He went? How is that relevant to modern missions? (Luke 10:1)
2. We see in Acts 13 that worship ignited missions. John Piper says that “Worship is the fuel and goal in missions.” What would our church look like if this statement was true?
3. What can we do as a church to hear whom the Holy Spirit is actively selecting to send and to which people groups the Holy Spirit is selecting to send to? (Acts 13:2,4)
4. What do you think Paul and Barnabus means “*We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God*” (Acts 14:22)? Is this statement still true and relevant?
5. What can we as a church do when missionaries return so that “*they (can) gather the church together and report ALL that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the (least reached)*” (Acts 14:27)?
6. When Paul and Barnabus returned to their sending church at Antioch, why did they “*stayed there for a long time with the disciples*” (Acts 14:28)? What do you think Paul and Barnabus did during that time? What can we do as a church to receive our missionaries for a long time, instead of hopping around living out of suitcases?