

RELEASE THE MISSIONARIES Acts 12:25-13:12

How does the gospel go to the ends of the earth?

1. The Holy Spirit **calls individuals** for special service (v.1-3).
 - a. There should always be a **plurality** of church leadership (v.1).
 - b. There should always be **diversity** in church leadership (v.1).
 - c. There should always be **sensitivity** to the **Holy Spirit** in church leadership (v.2).

2. The church confirms and **commissions** individuals who are called (v.3).
 - a. It is the church's job to **release** or set apart those the Lord has called.
 - b. It is the church's job to **testify** to the call of its people.
 - c. It is the church's privilege to **commission** those God has called and the church has confirmed.

3. Missionaries are **constrained** by the Holy Spirit to preach the Word (v.4-12).
 - a. Job One: **Preach** the gospel (v.4).
 - b. Expect **devilish** opposition (v.6-8).
 - c. Count on the **power** of the Holy Spirit to confront the enemy and to convert the lost (v.9-12). Two men got a call from the Holy Spirit.

To be a Great Commission Church:

We must **preach** the Word; we must **equip** the believers; we must **present** ourselves for God's use; we must recognize and **release** the called; we must earnestly pray **expecting** God to work.

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