

Sent by the Spirit, Anchored in the Word

Main Text: Acts 13:1-12 | Date: _____

Main Idea

The risen Lord sends His church by the Holy Spirit with the _____ into places where truth will be _____ and opposed. When deceptive influence tries to turn people away from _____, the Lord exposes what is crooked and keeps His straight ways clear.

<p>1. The Spirit sends from _____, not human momentum (Acts 13:1-3) The church does not invent the mission; it recognizes and confirms what the Spirit has _____. Before asking whether we are a sending church, we must ask whether we are a _____ church.</p>	<p>2. The Spirit sends witnesses with the _____, not spectacle (Acts 13:4-5) Personality, technique, and spectacle cannot replace the _____ of God. The goal is that people hear the word, believe the _____, and are formed by the teaching of the Lord.</p>
<p>3. The Word is opposed by _____ influence, not ordinary disagreement (Acts 13:6-8) Elymas was not just asking questions; he tried to turn a hearer away from _____. Discernment learns the difference between honest questions and _____.</p>	<p>4. The Lord exposes deception so the _____ may be believed (Acts 13:9-12) Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit; Elymas was full of _____ and trickery. The sign served the teaching; Sergius Paulus was astonished at the _____ of the Lord.</p>

1. How does Acts 13 connect worship, the Spirit's sending, and the Word of God?
2. Why is diversion more dangerous than delay?
3. What's the difference between **honest questions** and **deceptive influence**?

Reflection / Application Challenges

1. Where do I need the Word to straighten out my priorities, mission, witness, influence, appetite for spectacle, or hearing?
2. This week, what concrete step would help me become more worshipful, word-centered, discerning, or willing to be sent?