

## Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

### Acts 13:1-12

#### **Sermon Outline**

1. Introduction - illustration of Don Curry
2. Missions Begins with Worship
3. Missions Sees the Big Picture
4. Missions Costs the Church
5. Missions Proclaims God's Word
6. Missions Leads to Increased Worship
7. Conclusion - illustration of missionary couple returning from the field

#### **Scripture Passages Referenced**

- Acts 1:8 - But you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- Matthew 28:19 - Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.
- Acts 11:26 - And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.
- Romans 10:17 - Faith comes through hearing and hearing through the Word of God.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- Why do we tend to be so inward focussed as Christians and in life in general?
- What is it about missions that makes us a little uneasy?
- Why is it important for us to see that missions begins with worship of God?
- What can we learn from the diversity found in the church in Antioch?
- How can we be like the church in Antioch and see the big picture of what God is doing around the world?
- In what ways is the image of a battleship instead of a cruise ship help us understand how the church is to operate?
- If missions costs the church, why would we ever want to be a part of it?
- Why must be willing to send out the best from our church if God calls us to do so?
- How did Paul and Barnabas engage with Bar-Jesus and the proconsul?
- What can we learn from them about proclaiming God's Word?
- Why is it not enough to simply live a good example and expect that to be our mission?
- What does the fact that missions is bookended with worship tell us about our purpose in life?
- What are some specific ways that you can be involved in worship of the Triune God?