

# Apostolic Work of Ministry: Zion's Ministry Legacy

# Session Goals

By the End of this Session, every member will:

- Understand the **biblical foundation** of apostolic ministry.
- Clarify their personal **calling, assignment, and team role**.
- Embrace the apostolic posture of **pioneering, building, equipping, and multiplying**.
- Commit spiritually and mentally to the **sacrifice, unity, and mission** required for launch.

# Acts 13:2-4

Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul. **2** One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” **3** So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way. (Acts 13: 2-4)

## Prayer Focus:

“Lord, set us apart, speak clearly, and send us with Your Spirit’s power.”

# Pillar 1: Apostolic Calling and Commission (John 20:21; Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8)

- Apostolic ministry begins with **being sent**, not just starting something.
- Church planting is obedience to the Great Commission: go, make disciples, baptize, teach.
- The Holy Spirit **calls, confirms, and commissions** church planters.
- Without clarity of calling, the challenges of planting will cause collapse.

## Team Discussion Questions

When did you first sense God calling you to be part of this work?

What fears or hesitations do you need to surrender?

Are you ready to be **sent**, not just involved?

# Group Discussion

## Activity

### “The Burning Bush Moment”

Each team member writes in one sentence:

👉 Why has God called me to THIS church, in THIS season, for THIS city?

Share with the group.

## Pillar 2: APOSTOLIC PIONEERING & PLANTING

(Romans 15:20; Acts 16 & 19; 1 Corinthians 3:10; Acts 14:21–23)

- Apostolic ministry breaks new ground. It's a **pioneering work**, not a comfortable one.
- Paul targeted strategic cities because city impact leads to **regional impact**.
- Church planters:
  - Evangelize (preach the gospel)
  - Disciple (form believers)
  - Strengthen (build community)
  - Organize (establish structure)
  - Appoint (develop leaders)

### Team Discussion Questions

What spiritual barriers must we break in the city of Murfreesboro/Laverne?  
What makes each of these cities a strategic location for the gospel?

# Group Discussion

## Activity

### “Mapping the Mission Field”

On a whiteboard or paper, draw your city. Identify:

Neighborhoods

Schools

Key influencers

Community needs

Mission opportunities

# Pillar 3: APOSTOLIC EQUIPPING & ESTABLISHING

(Ephesians 4:11–12; Titus 1:5; Jude 3; Acts 20:28–32)

- Apostolic ministry raises **disciples and leaders**, not spectators.
- A church planter equips, trains, and shapes the culture.
- Apostolic work also **guards doctrine**, ensuring the church stays biblically sound.
- Every team member must embrace:
  - Spiritual maturity
  - Servant leadership
  - Unity
  - Submission to biblical structure

## Team Discussion Questions

What ministries must be built and strengthened before we launch?

Who is emerging as future leaders or ministry heads?

How will we guard biblical unity and biblical culture?



## Pillar 4: APOSTOLIC MULTIPLICATION & REGIONAL IMPACT (2 Tim. 2:2; Acts 19:10; 1 Cor. 4:15–17)

- Apostolic ministry looks beyond one launch day—it sees **generational influence**.
- The goal is **multiplying disciples**, leaders, small groups, and eventually churches.
- Paul raised sons and daughters, created teams, and built movements.
- Apostolic ministry embraces **sacrifice, suffering, and perseverance**, knowing the la produces fruit.

### Team Discussion Questions

What will multiplication look like in our church after year 1?

How do we create a culture where disciples are made and sent?

What sacrifices must we embrace for regional impact?