

Open It!

Who would you want to go along with you if you and a coworker of your choice were transferred to jobs overseas? Why?

Read It!

Acts 13:1-5.

Consider It!

What do you observe about the composition of church leadership at Antioch (13:1)?

How are worship (the ministry of prayer) and fasting leadership functions (13:2; see Acts 6:4)?

What was the outcome of their service to the Lord in prayer and fasting? What did the Holy Spirit direct them to do (13:2)?

Who were Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37) and Saul (Acts 7:57-8:1)?

What was the work that Barnabas and Saul were called to do (Acts 9:14-15 and Acts 13:5, 44-49)?

Did you know that God has a work that he has called and appointed you to do (Ephesians 2:10)?

Consider the relationship of Barnabas and Saul. How was being together better than following Jesus alone? See Acts 9:26-30 and Acts 11:19-26.

Live It!

What did the Holy Spirit speak to the elders of CLCBC during their time of fasting and prayer this year? How should we respond as a congregation?

Who among your family, friends, peers, and neighbors needs to hear the message of the gospel? Who would you invite to pray with you for their salvation (1 Timothy 2:1-4)?

What gospel work has God called you in Christ to do? Who would you invite to join you?

Life Is Better Together

Going Together

Acts 13:1-5 and 14:21-28

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Sermon Point

Going with the Gospel Is Better Together

Going Together Is God's Plan

Observe the Example of Jesus

- Matthew 9

- Matthew 10

- Luke 10

Observe Church Leadership in Action

At Antioch

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting...

Acts 13:1–2a (ESV)

At Jerusalem

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:3–4 (ESV)

Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:9, 42, 46, 50; 14:1, 21-28)

John Mark (Acts 13:4, 13; 15:36-41; Colossians 4:10)

Observe the Spirit's Directive

"...set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. So that after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13:3 (ESV)

You and Me!

Going Together Is How We Learn and Grow

Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37)

Saul of Tarsus (Acts 7:57-8:1)

Barnabas and Saul (Acts 9:26-30; 11:19-26; 13:2-3)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we stand in awe of Your mercy and grace. Thank You for the gift of salvation—freely given, not earned. We acknowledge that it is by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing, but Your gracious gift.

We are Your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Give us ears to hear and hearts that say, yes to all that You have prepared for us. We want to walk in step with Your Spirit, going where you send us and doing what you command us.

Teach us to love and labor together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to be those who are alongside helping people to be fruitful followers of Jesus. May we know the joy of gathering, growing, serving, and going together for the sake of the gospel. Guide us and correct us that every step we take is in alignment with Your will, for the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen!