

Called then Sent

Acts 13.1-12

1. A Dynamic Church, v1

- *internationally diverse* 11.19-21
- *spiritually dynamic* 11.24-29

2. A Divine Call, vs2-5

- *the context* v2
 - worship and fasting* 14.23
 - normal and exceptional*
- *the initiative* v2
 - belonged to God*
 - not a request for volunteers*
 - he chose the best*
 - they weren't told what for*
- *the church recognised*
 - and supported the call* v3
 - divine initiative and*
 - human cooperation* vs 3-4

- **an obvious starting point vs4-5**
familiar territory 4.36; 11.20
scriptural people Is 55.11

3. A Devilish Challenge, vs6-12

- **opposition provides an opening v6**
no chance encounters in mission
only divine appointments
thinkers are open to new ideas
he wanted to hear God's word
prioritise the spiritually hungry
13.45-46
- **spiritual interest attracts spiritual**
opposition vs8-11
Satan opposes seekers
confront the obstructive
- **faith come from hearing v12;**
being amazed about Jesus
Rom 10.17; Is 55.11; Rom 1.16