



John 17

20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.



SET APART

Acts 13:1-5



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1 ¶ Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper.

AT ANTIOCH

- **The Church in Transition:**
 - **From Jerusalem to Antioch – Jews to World!!!**
 - **Barnabas, Simeon (Niger), Lucius (Cyrene)**
 - **Manaen (Herod!) and a guy named Saul**
- **Church had leadership servants!**
 - **Prophets proclaiming and preaching**
 - **Teachers informing and discipling**

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AT MINISTRY

- **What does it mean?**
 - **Being available to God**
 - **Looking to make Him the receiver of our hearts**
 - **Doing whatever comes naturally in service to Him**
 - **Focusing our passions, emotions, talents for God**
- **God made you with them...**
 - **He knows what you are able to be and do!**

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- **Focal point:**
 - **Fasting... not for its own sake...**
 - **To keep a clear view of the Lord’s will...**

AT THE MEETING

- **Somewhere along the way...**
 - **The Holy Spirit speaks...**
 - **Not told how or when or by whom...**
 - **“Set apart” – not called by man to do man’s work**
 - **“the work to which I have called them.”**
 - **Did they know? Did the suspect??**
 - **They were about to change the church forever!!!**
 - **God has such plans...**

AT WORK

- **They fasted and prayed...**
 - **AFTER they knew God's will!!!**
 - **Many times we stop when we hear...**
 - **The most important time – confirm and clarify!**
- **Laid hands and “dismissed them” – released!**
 - **They were needed, but God called...**
 - **You have to let go...**

SENT

- **Holy Spirit guides as He sent!**
 - **To Cyprus, Barnabas' homeland!**
 - **Proclaiming to Jews**
 - **Add John Mark as a helper (attendant!)**
- **Ministry starts with the Lord!**
 - **How about spending time...**
 - **“In the Lord's place”**