

Antioch 450 km north of Jerusalem.
Third largest city in Roman Empire.

Church attained maturity quickly.
'Barnabas and Saul met with the church for an entire year and they taught considerable numbers (11:26).

The church prioritized teaching the Bible. People were hungry to hear and understand God's Word They had (Barnabas) an encourager and an expositor (Saul) to help them.

In the church at Antioch were prophets and teachers: *Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.*

Dr. Luke's Acts puts us back on track.

LEADERSHIP

DIVERSE

Barnabas (Cyprus), Saul (Turkey)
Simeon (Africa) Lucius (Lybia)
Manaen (royalty: see Luke 8:3).

DIDACTIC

Prophets (1 Cor 14:3) revelation (1 Cor 14:29)
From the Lord to build up the body' (Green)
Teachers taught divine truth from Scripture.

DEDICATED

Worshipped and fasted. Listened to Lord.
Willing to be part of God's global mission.
They gave their best and sent their best.

Outward looking. Others focused.
Churches that become an end in themselves
and which exist just for themselves – end!

'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them' (13:2).

DREAMERS

'set apart'

(devoted to a special purpose)

Greek *'aphorismenos'* from which we get the English word *'horizon'*

What is on your horizon?

What is over the horizon?

Antioch embraced God's dream.
Reaching the unreached for Jesus.

Acts contains seven visions. Each moves God's people into mission.

Across the room
Across the street
Across the suburb
Across the state
Across the nation
Across the sea

Go. One small word with so much power and possibility. Risk Reaching Out.