

“What on Earth is the Spirit Doing?”

Acts 13:1-4

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

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Introduction

The quick overview of Christian missions – a history of changing epicentres: from Jerusalem to Antioch to Rome and beyond.

1. The emerging epicentre of our day: from North America to China, India, Korea.

Example: who will reach the unreached of Vietnam?

2. The emerging partnership: the essential role of the laity in global mission.

Example: those called into ministry and those called into business - in kingdom service together.

3. The emerging opportunity for the church in Canada: the world comes to Canada.

Example: No. 5 Road in Richmond, BC

Conclusions: Acts 13:1-4 – calling, accountability and the work of the Spirit