

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

June 16, 2019

Acts 12:25-13:3

## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is significant about prophets in the church at Antioch? What is significant about teachers in the church? Consult Ephesians 4:11-16.
2. What role, if any, does a prophet play in the church today (c.f., Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:8-10)? What role does a teacher play (c.f., Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?
3. What two things were the prophets and teachers doing in v. 2? How did the Holy Spirit respond?
4. What was the work to which the Spirit called Barnabas & Saul (Acts 26:16-18)? If Saul was already aware of his calling, why did they need this direction from the Spirit?
5. In what four ways did the church respond to this revelation (v. 3)?
  - (1)
  - (2)
  - (3)
  - (4)
6. There's an emphasis upon fasting in these few verses. What is fasting? Identify some variations of, or formats for, a fast.
7. What is the purpose of fasting? Have you ever fasted? Why? Did you discern a benefit?

8. What does one do during a fast? Hints: (1) What do prophets & teachers focus on? (2) Besides handling the word of God, what were they doing in v. 2? (3) What was the entire church doing in v. 3?
- (1)
  - (2)
  - (3)
9. Why is it important to select an emphasis when fasting? Identify some possible emphases for a fast. (What could you focus upon?)
10. If you haven't done a fast for faith-related reasons, why not? Is there anything that would stand in your way from doing one now (like health reasons)?

## **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

1. To prepare for a fast, I will select a plan or format . . .
  
2. To prepare for a fast, I will select a date . . .
  
3. To prepare for a fast, I will select a focus. . .