

ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline - 24.06.07
Shaping your life around God's great plan
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Acts 13: 1 - 4

1. People of the Spirit

The church in Antioch allowed the Holy Spirit to shape and guide them in their decision making (v2). God also wants us to be a people of the Spirit, who have a clear sense of God's closeness. What can I do to live "filled with the Spirit"? How can we encourage the sense of God's presence amongst us?

2. Founded on the word

The fact that there were teachers at Anitoch (v1) makes it clear that the church was not only dependent on the immediate inspiration of the prophet or the presence of the Spirit, they were also deeply dependent on the scriptures. What challenges do we face in submitting our lives to scripture, when our surrounding culture is telling us to set ourselves free to determine what is right or wrong for ourselves?

3. Going to the nations

Its Gods plan to use His church to "bring salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). ChristChurch London was started in the belief that God wanted to create a large sending base in London, from which church-planting teams will be sent to the nations. How can we keep a heart for the nations, and also focus on building ChristChurch so that it can become a large sending base like Antioch? Acts 11:19-25

4. Recognising anointed leadership

The church needs anointed leaders if it's to get its job done to presence itself amongst every tribe & people on earth. Discuss the role of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists & Teachers, in the church today, bearing in mind their role "until... the body of Christ... becomes mature" (Eph 4:11-13). How do anointed leaders help achieve this vision of building word & spirit churches that take the gospel to the world?

5. Confident of success

How does the conviction that God's purposes will prevail affect the way we work to share the gospel; pray for the sick; influence the government and help the poor?