

Study Guide for April 10th, 2005. Acts 12:25 – 13:12 Sent to Cyprus.

Introduction: Have you ever sensed a strong sense of **leading** or **direction** from the Holy Spirit to engage in a particular work? How did you respond? What was the outcome?

I. Heading Home: (Acts 12:25)

A. Barnabus and Saul returned to _____, b/c their mission was complete.

- 1) Recall what their mission had been. (see Acts 11:27-30)
- 2) Who do they take along as a ministry partner?

B. What might have been the impact on Barnabus and Saul of being in Jerusalem during the events recorded in Acts 12? How would it have affected you?

II. Set Apart and Sent Off: (Acts 13:1-3)

A. What priorities do you see in the church leaders at Antioch? (see Acts 6:1-7)

B. What (or who) was the inspiration for the upcoming missionary outreach?

C. What lessons can you draw from the example of fasting and prayer in this text?

III. To the Jew First: (Acts 13:4-5)

A. Where does the Holy Spirit lead Barnabus and Saul?

B. Why do you think they were led there? (see Acts 4:36 and 11:20)

C. What strategy do Barnabus and Saul employ? (see Rom. 1:16, 2:9, 10)

IV. Faith Comes by Hearing and Seeing: (Acts 13:6-12)

A. How is Elymas described? What terms does Paul use in his rebuke of him?

B. Read and reflect on II Cor. 4:1-6. What can we expect as we seek to evangelize?

C. Describe God's judgment upon Elymas? Does it seem harsh? (see Act 9:7-9)

D. How is Sergius Paulus described? What convinced him to believe?

E. What finally brought you to the point of believing the gospel?

Conclusion: In II Cor. 10:1-6 Paul speaks about spiritual weapons with divine power to demolish strongholds. How is that seen in this passage?

How can we begin to use such weapons in our service for Christ?

