

# Sermon Title: An Apostolic Church

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Acts 13:1-4: “ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger,\* Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While 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.” Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ”

\* What is an \_\_\_\_\_ church?

An apostolic church is a church that is so focused on the person of \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_, it participates with the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of apostles in the earth.

*An apostolic church is a church that is so focused on the person of Jesus and his mission, it participates with the Holy Spirit in the recognition and sending of apostles in the earth*

Five things that characterize an apostolic church:

**1) The local church is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all Gospel work on earth** (“Now there were in the church at Antioch”)

**2) \_\_\_\_\_ in ministry gifts and socially** (“prophets and teachers”)

• “Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord and Fasting** (“ministering to the Lord”)

• “But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from me, shall come near to me to minister to me” (Eze. 44:15)

**4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit** (“the Holy Spirit said”)

**5) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Church** (“then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So being sent out by the Holy Spirit”).

Questions for discussion for House Churches, Triads and Devotions

- 1) What was your view of modern day apostles before hearing this message?
- 2) What is an apostolic church? Discuss each of the five characteristics spoken of.
- 3) How did this teaching help you to better understand the vision and values of TCC?

*Fill-in answers: apostolic, Jesus, mission, Holy Spirit, recognition, sending, center, diversity, worshipping, government, sent out*

