Sending Our Best

Acts 13:1-3

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How did God transform the church at Antioch from being a church of local influence to being a church of global impact?

There were four things that the church at Antioch did which walked them through this process.

I. They were a Serving Church

- 1. Ministry is the expected activity of every believer
- 2. Ministry is to be Christ centered.
- 3. Current ministry prepares for future ministry.

II. They were a Seeking Church

- 1. They knew what they were commissioned to do
- 2. They desired to be faithful in this task
- 3. They sought God's specific direction

III. They were a Separating Church

Those God Calls are:

- 1. Trained for the task
- 2. Submissive to Leadership
- 3. Tested by trials
- 4. Effective and fruitful

IV. They were a Sending Church

Not only did they send Saul and Barnabas but they also sent John Mark and Silas and likely many others who are not mentioned.

* A sending church must 1st be a serving church, a church that is seeking God's face, a church that willingly listens to the Holy Spirit and separates out those He identifies and then it must be a church that willingly sends its best.

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