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The makeup of the church reflects the mission of the church.

- ¹ 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.
Acts 13:1 (ESV)

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We position ourselves for God's revelation of His activity as we diligently give attention to things He has clearly revealed we are to do.

- ² 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."
Acts 13:2 (ESV)

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Endorsement by the body of Christ with the resulting accountability lays the foundation for effective outreach into the world.

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Often the church comes through challenging times to experience mighty movements of God.

- Early persecution in Jerusalem resulted in growth and expansion of the church.
- The intense persecution by Saul resulted in the establishment of the very church that would later send him out as a missionary of the gospel
- The persecution by Herod gives way to the gospel expanding throughout the world.