## **SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE**

Acts 13:1-3 6

**Ice Breaker**: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week? **Context**: This week, Castleton Church spends time praying and fasting as a community, asking the Lord to give us grace this coming year.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. **Read Acts:1-3**: What is the context of this passage? Who is Barnabas? Who is Saul?
- 2. What does the Holy Spirit say to the church in Antioch? In context, what do the different parts entail? ("Set apart", "the work", and "which I have called them")
- 3. What is the response of the church? Why would this be the best response for them? What does it "accomplish"?
- 4. What is your past experience with fasting? Share any positive or negative experiences.
- 5. How might you need to adjust your understanding of fasting based on God's Word? How might this reshaping help you experience the blessings of fasting?
- 6. What does it look like to do fasting biblically? When? How often? Occasions? While there might not be a "right" answer, how does the Spirit and biblical wisdom help us with these questions?
- 7. Do you have regular times or occasions of fasting? What does this look like? If not, when and what are some ways you can implement fasting?
- 8. Take extra time this week to pray for one another and pray for Castleton. Pray the Lord's blessing upon our members/attenders, our local community, and our city.

**Application:** Try to attend the Week of Prayer and Fasting as a group 1 or 2 nights this week (Sept 19-23, 2021).