

# **Sermon Handout**

## The Apostolic Mission

### Acts 1:6-11

#### **I. The Calling & Ministry of St. Peter**

St. Peter immediately assumes leadership of the Apostles Acts 1:15 (*cf.* v. 13)

- a. 1:15ff – Choosing Matthias to replace Judas (*see* v. 26)
- b. 2:14ff – Gives the great address at Pentecost
- c. 3:1ff – Key figure in the healing at the Temple
- d. 4:8ff – Gives the defense of Apostolic action
- e. 5:3ff – Rebukes Ananias & Sapphira
- f. Many Jews believe as a result of Peter's preaching  
2:41 (3K); 3:24-26; 4:4 (5K); 5:14
- g. Gal 2:7, 8 – St. Paul confirms Peter's special mission

#### **II. The Calling & Ministry of St. Paul**

First seen as the avowed enemy of the Faith Acts 7:57-58; 8:1-3; 9:1-2

- a. 9:10-15 – Paul's mission first revealed to Ananias of Damascus
- b. 9:26ff – First visit to Jerusalem, befriended & defended by Barnabas
- c. 9:30 – Departure for Tarsus, remaining for 14 years *cf.* Gal 2:1; Acts 11:25-26
- d. 11:27-30 – Second visit to Jerusalem  
Went by revelation Gal 2:2 *cf.* Acts 11:28-30  
Conferred with the "inner circle" Gal 2:2, 9  
Recognized by Peter, James & John as sent by HS to Gentiles Gal 2:7-8  
Returned to Antioch (with John Mark) Acts 12:25
- e. 13:1-4 – Commissioned at Antioch to minister to Gentiles
- f. II Pet 3:14-16 – St. Peter confirms Paul's apostleship

#### **III. The Reconciliation of Disparate Ministries**

- a. 11:27-28 – The prophecy of Agabus
- b. 11:29-30 – The collection in Antioch, carried by Barnabas, Saul, Titus (Gal 2:1)
- c. 12:25 – Mercy mission accomplished  
The predominantly Gentile church in Antioch blessed those in Jerusalem  
Distinct ministries, common Spirit *see* Gal 2:9-10; I Cor 12:1-7; 13-27

**Let us then love one another, granting mercy, grace and peace mutually to all as one.**